

FAIRY TAIL

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Hiro Mashima

Creator of *Rave Master*

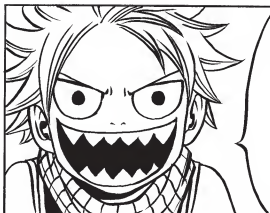


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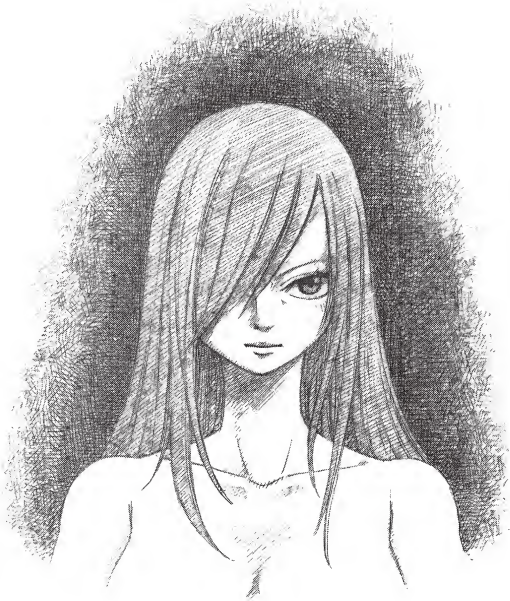
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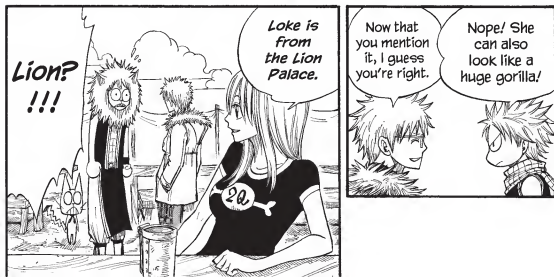
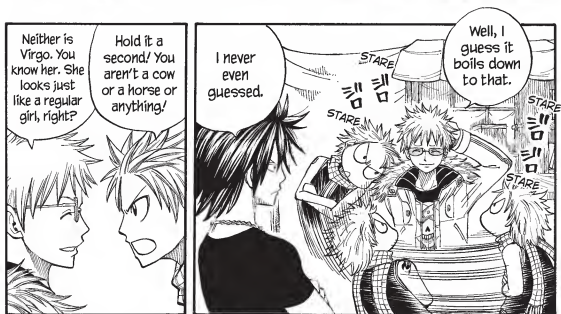
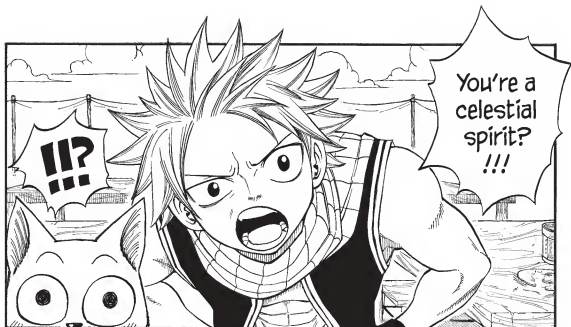
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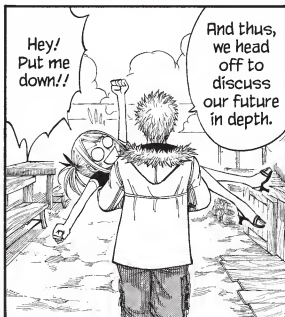
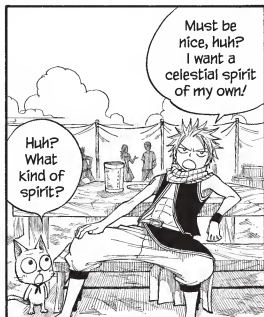
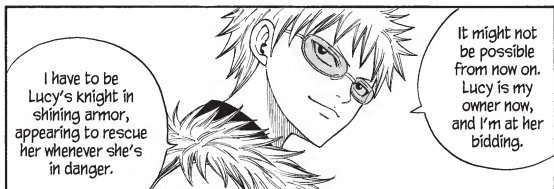
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Chapter 75: Dream of a Butterfly







Celestial wizards don't use their spirits as punching bags or sparring partners!!

Here I am, knowing everything a guy needs to know to be a dragon slayer! But what's the point if I don't have a dragon to fight with?!

A dragon!! What else?!!



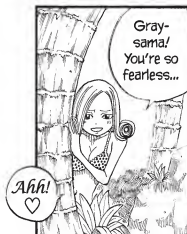
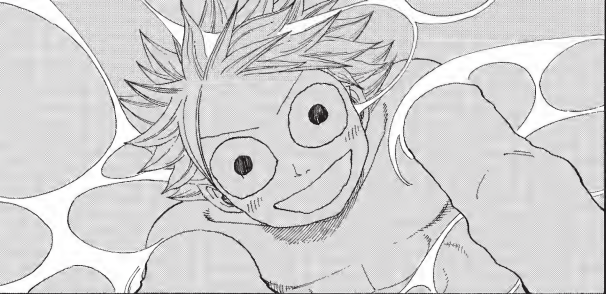


And
so...

HYAAAA!!

...we've
come here
to have
some
fun! Here
at Akane
Beach.

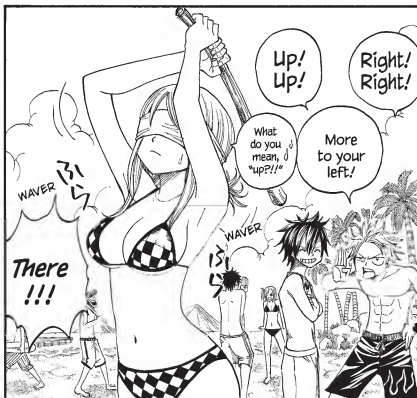


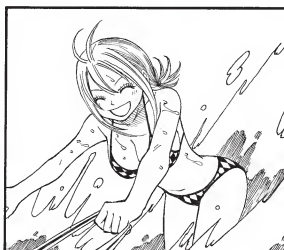
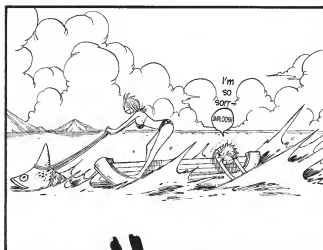


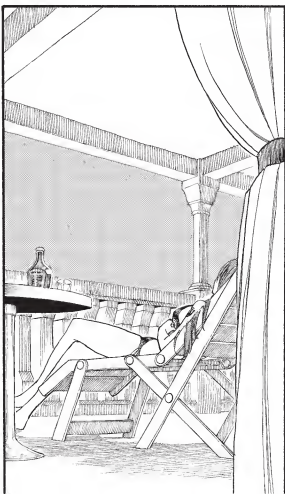
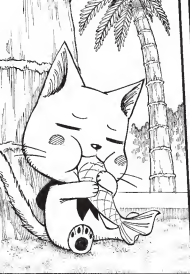
Gray-
sama!
You're so
fearless...

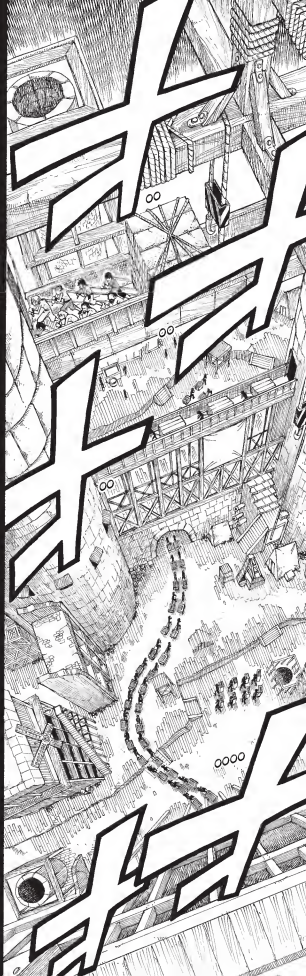
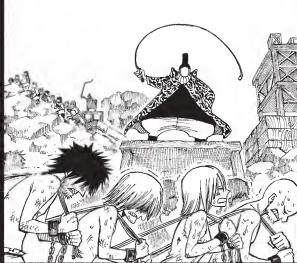


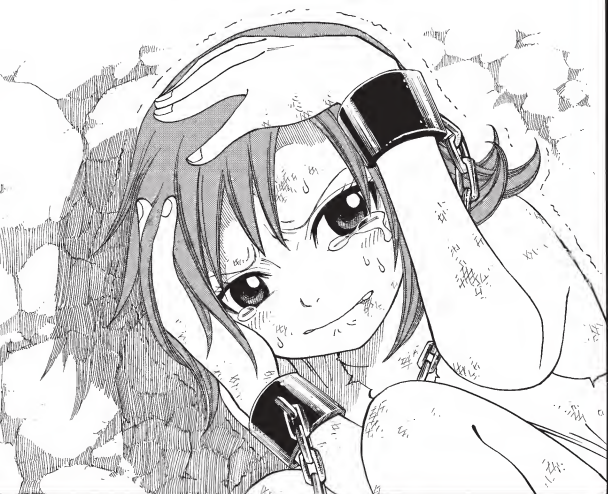
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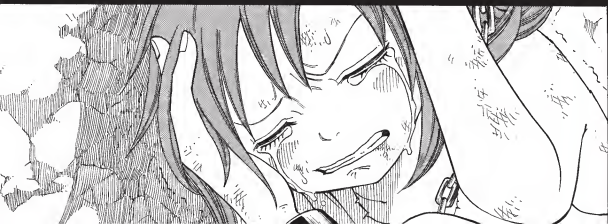


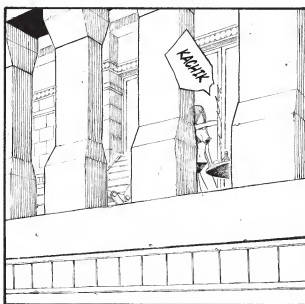
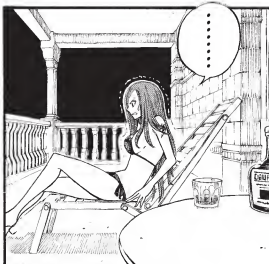
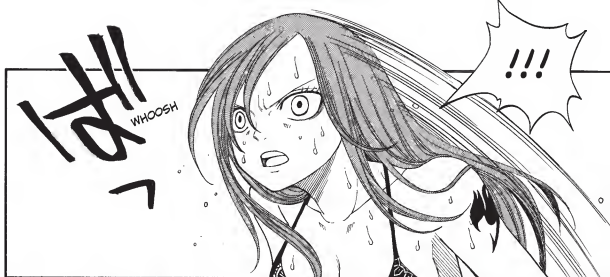


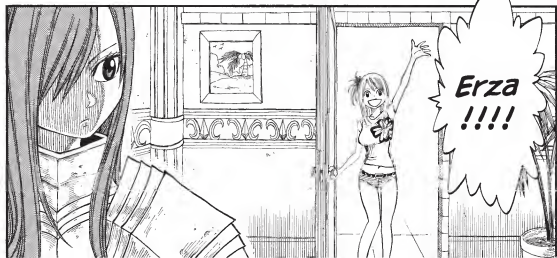
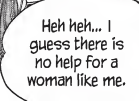
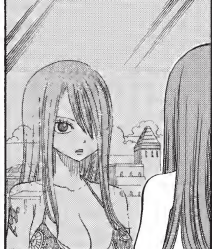
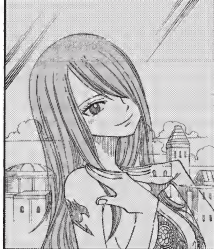


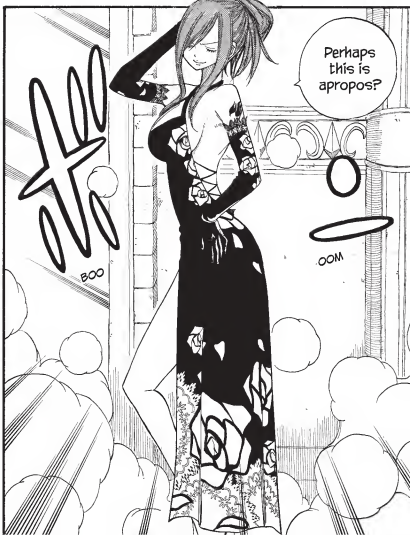
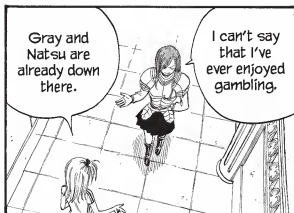


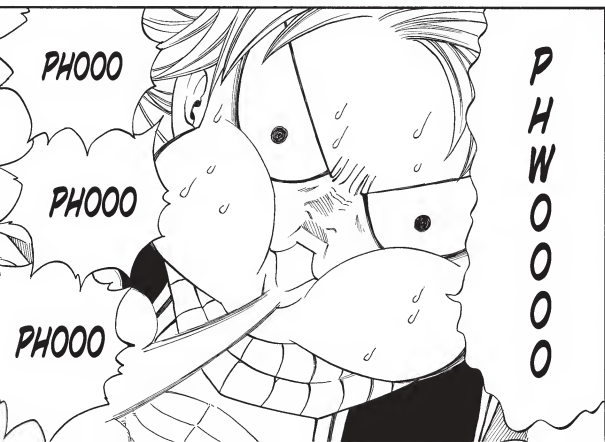
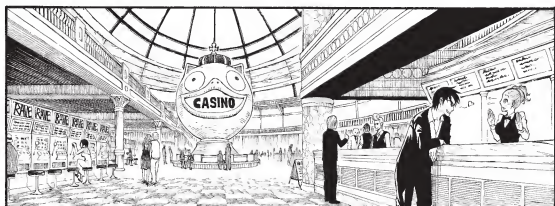
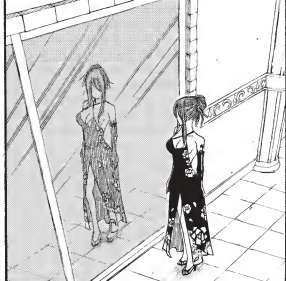
Erza...
Freedom does not
exist in this world!

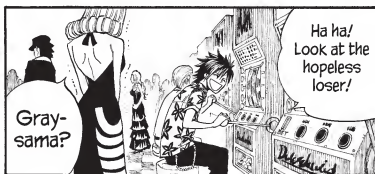
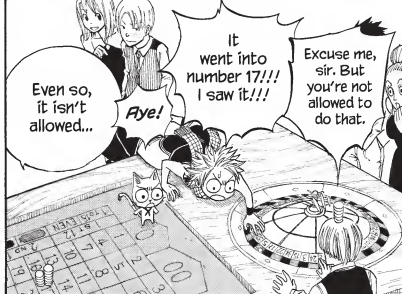


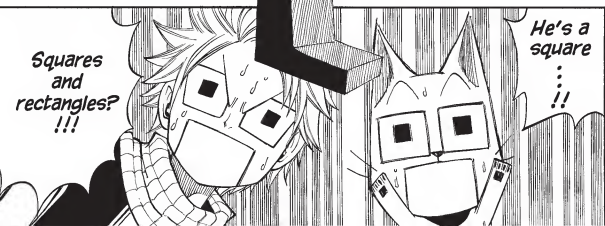
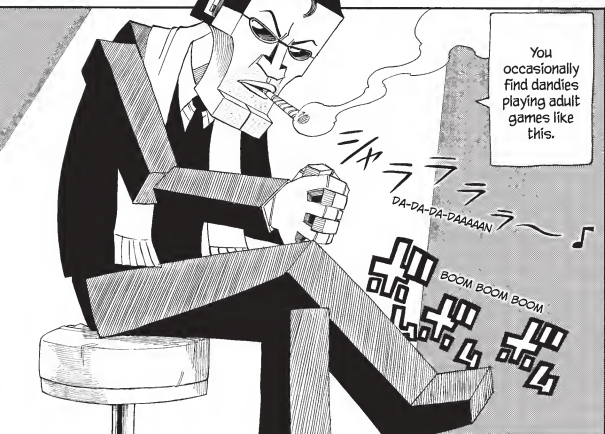


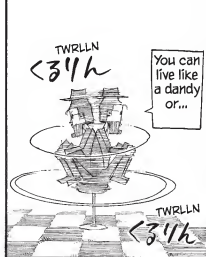




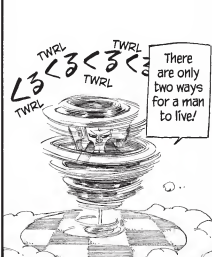








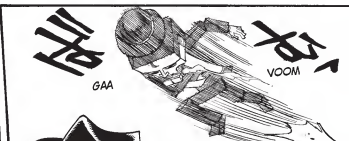
You can
live like
a dandy
or...



There
are only
two ways
for a man
to live!



Let me
give you
one bit
of advice,
boy!

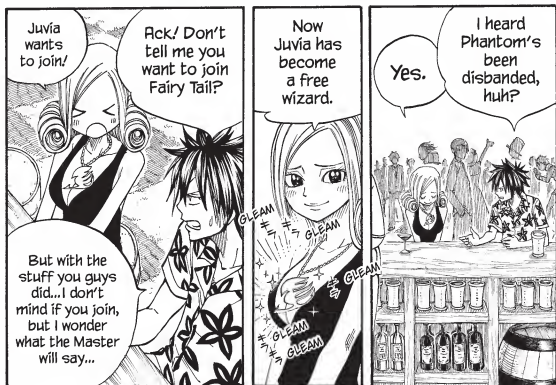
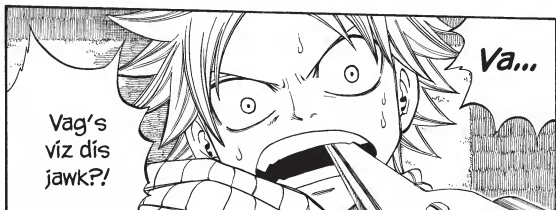


...you
can stop
and die!

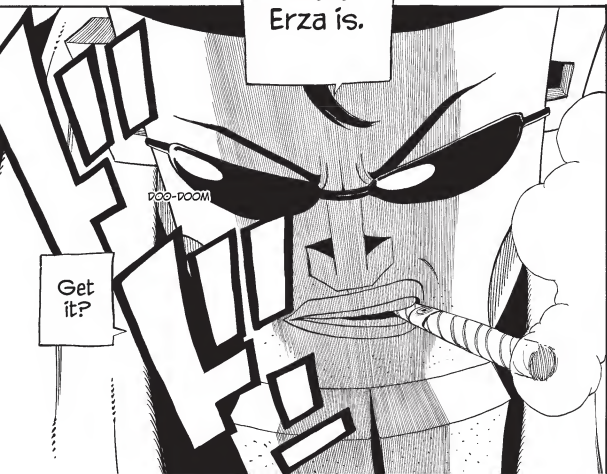
Get
it?!

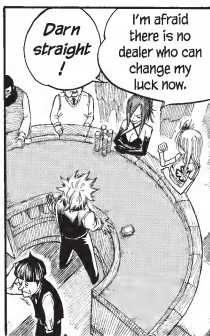
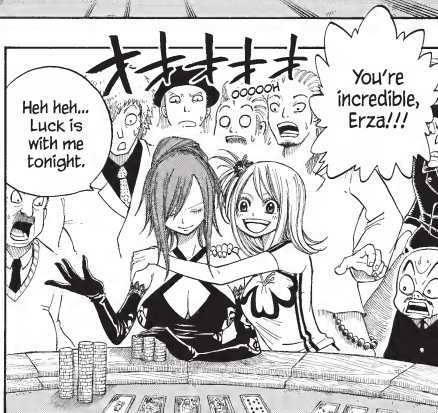
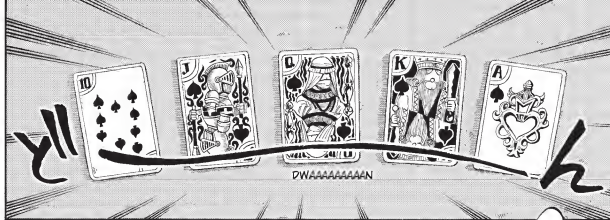
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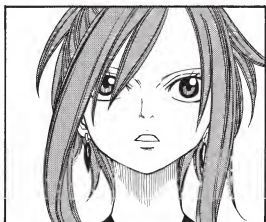
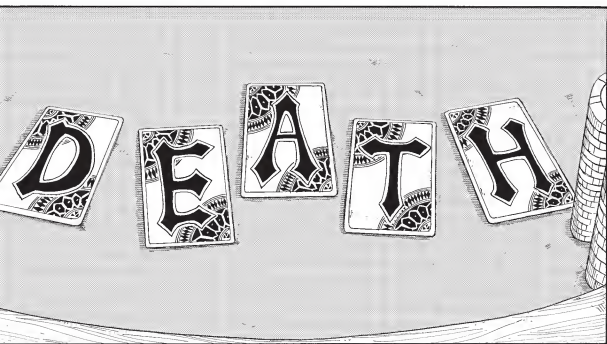
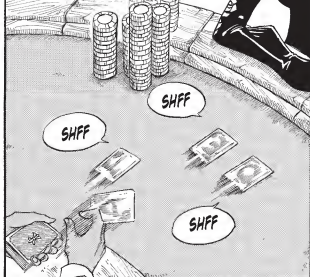
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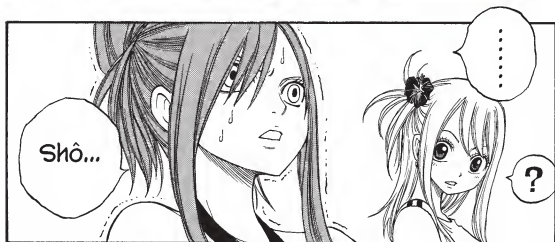








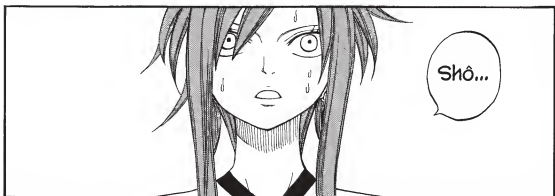


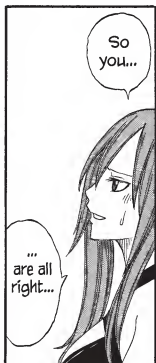
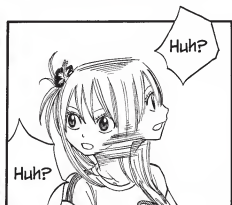
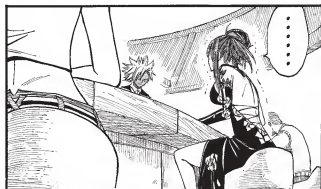
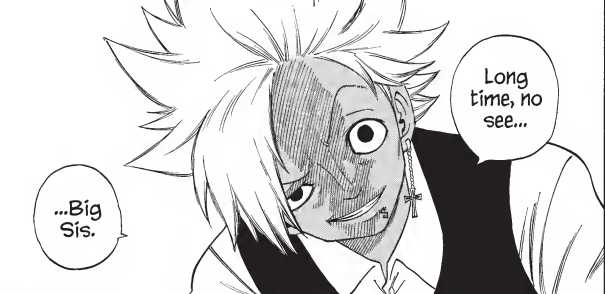


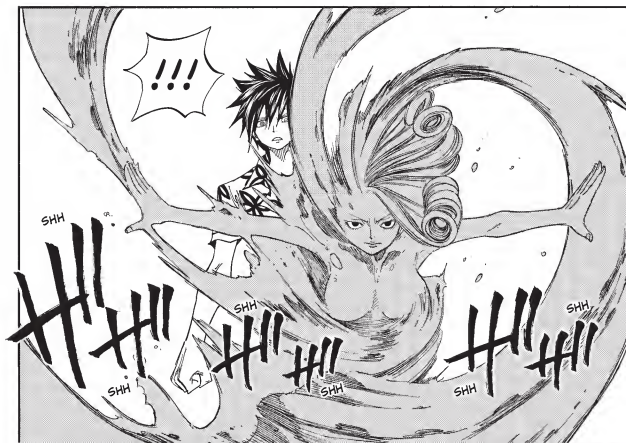
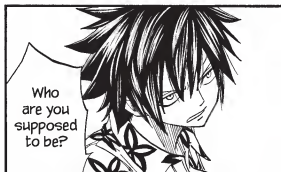
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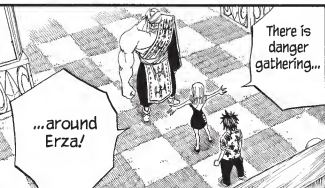
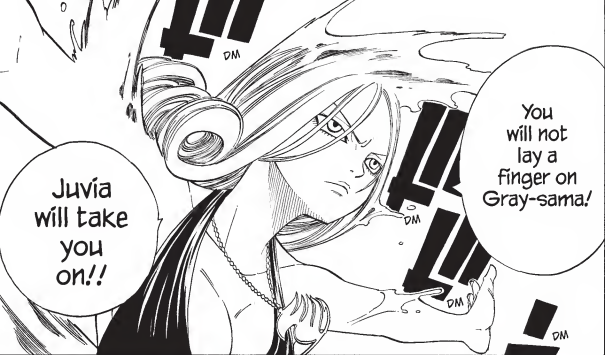
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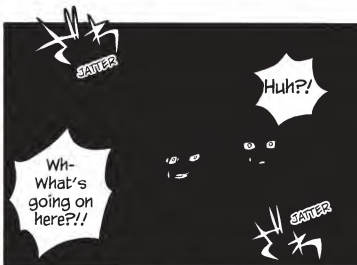


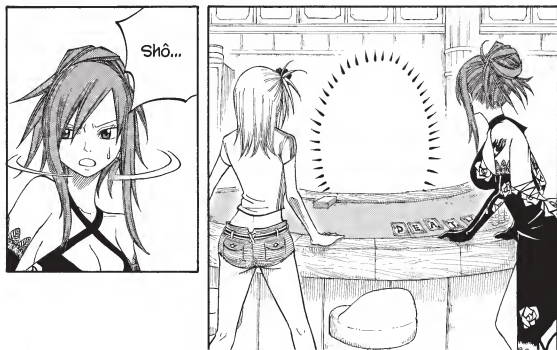
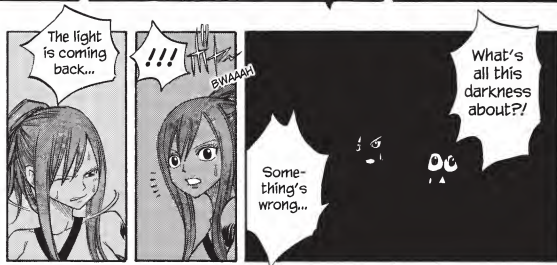
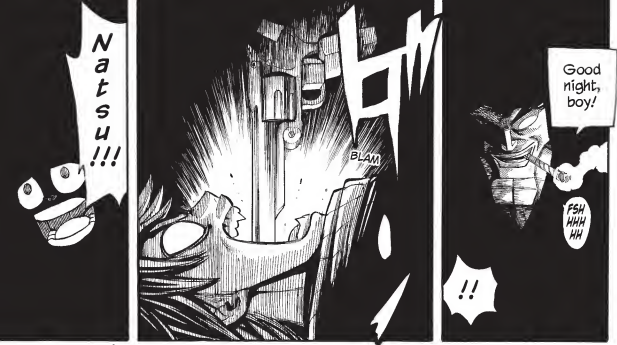


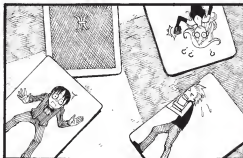
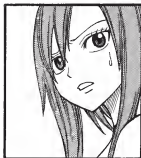
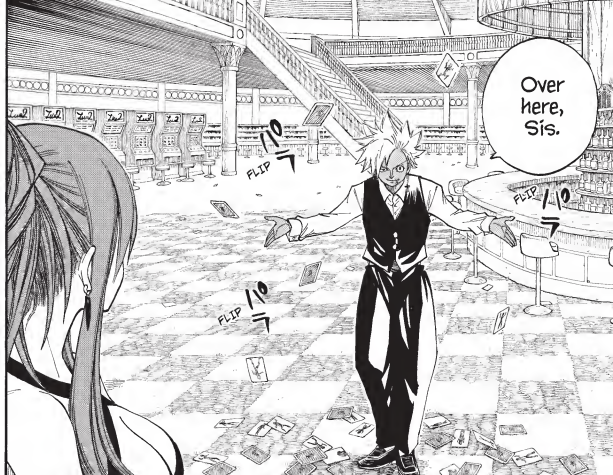


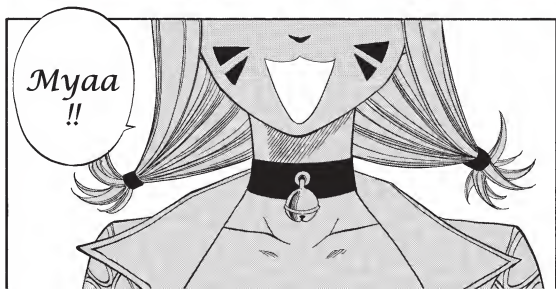
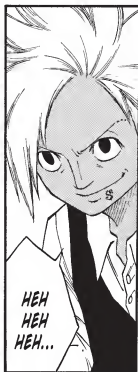


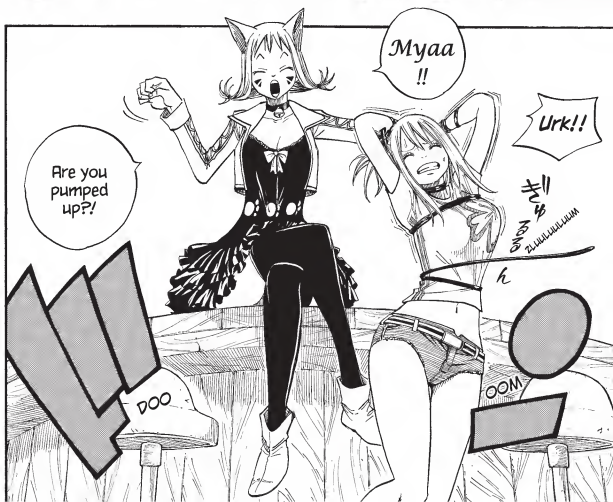
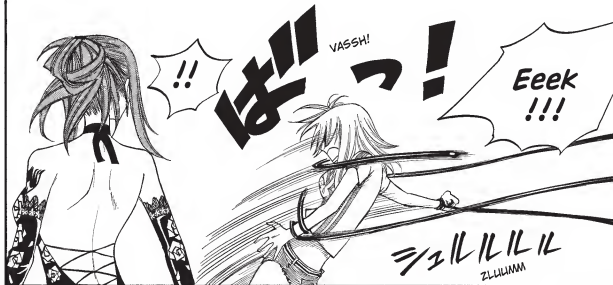


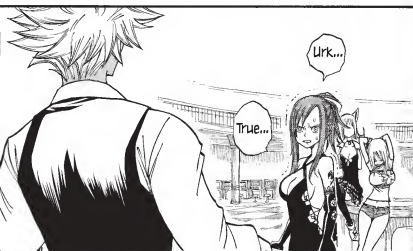
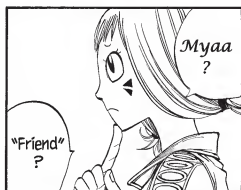
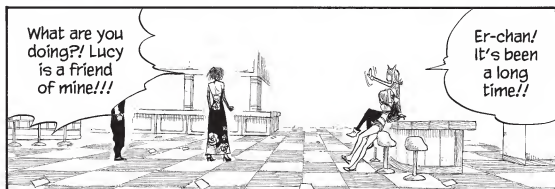


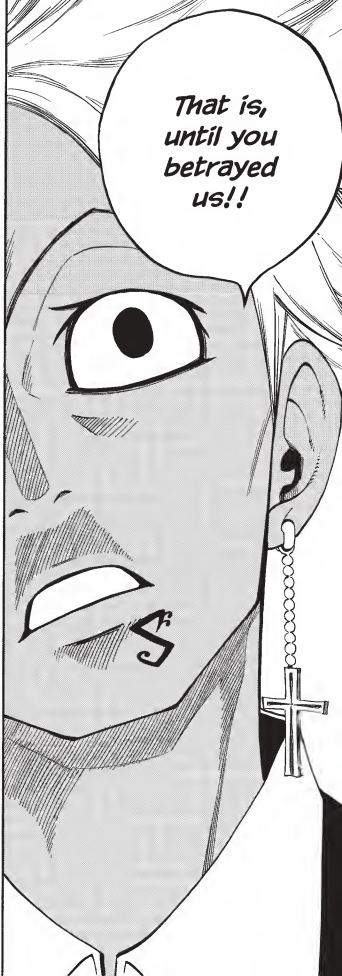












The only way to be a dandy is to keep your emotions in check! Get it?

?!

Now don't go playing dirty tricks on Erza, Shô!

VEET
VEET
HI

VEET
VEET
HI
VEET
HI

I- I know that voice... Wally?

Eee
!!!

Look at you!! Getting all sexy on us!!

POHHH

Why are you so surprised?

You've got magic, too...?

RATTLE

RATTLE

I don't blame you for not realizing it was me right away. Compared to when I was known as "Mad Dog Wally," I'm far more well rounded!!!



Simon
?!



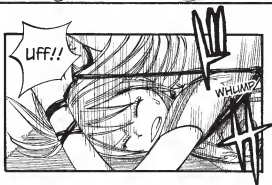
Isn't
that
right,
Erza?!

Anybody
can do
magic once
you get the
knack!



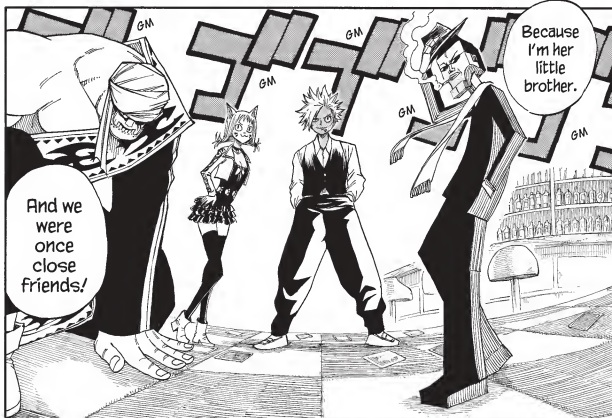
Why
did
he call
you his
sister?!

Erza...
Who are
these
people
?!



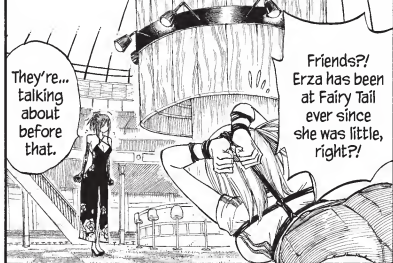
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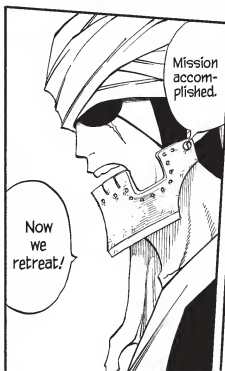
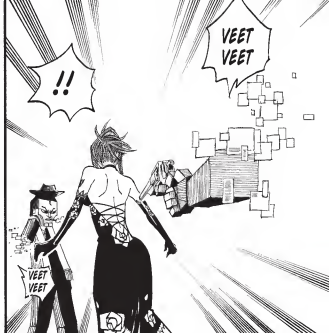
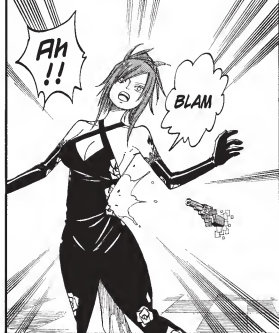
WHUMP



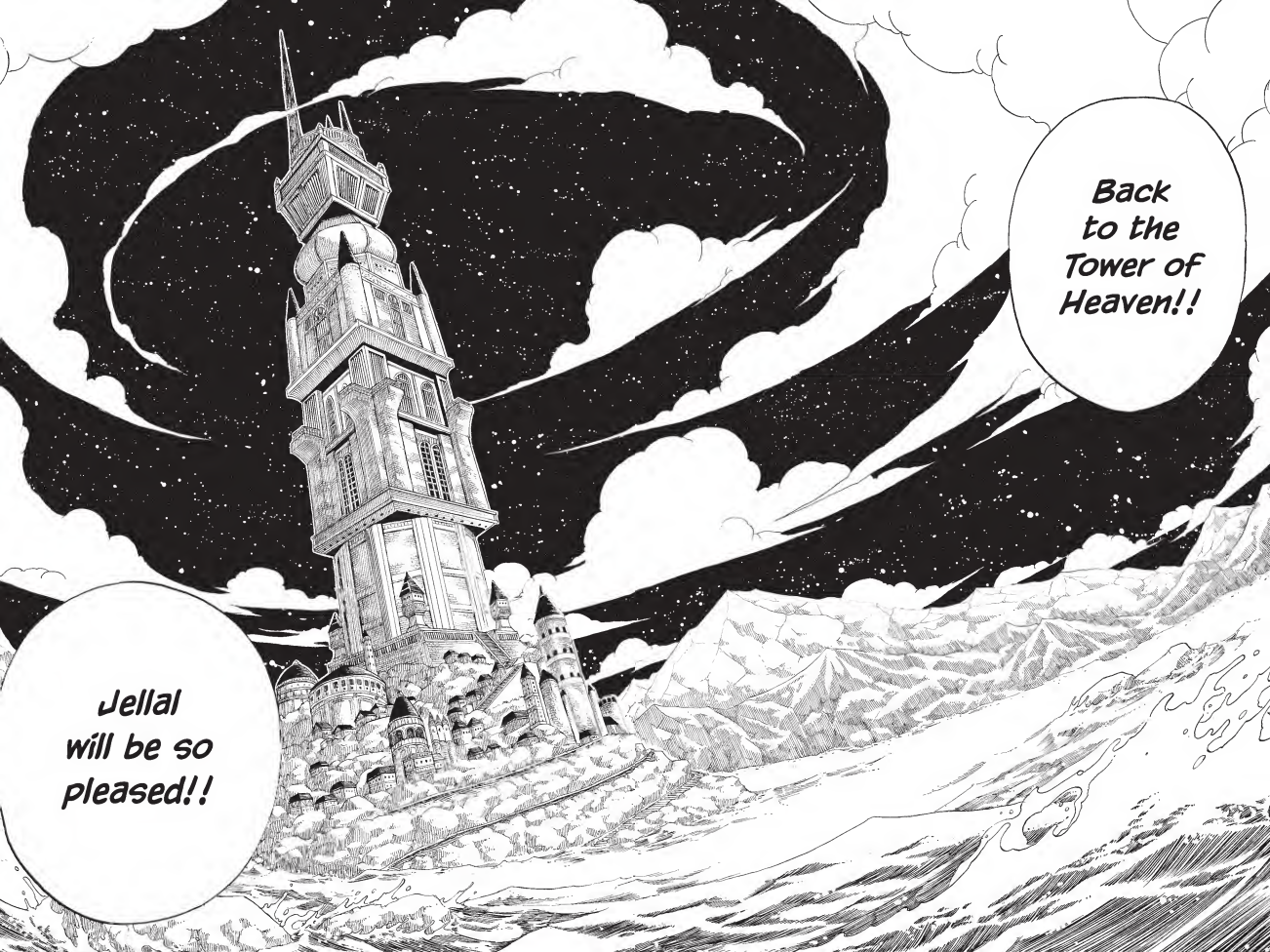
And we
were
once
close
friends!

Because
I'm her
little
brother.









*Jellal
will be so
pleased!!*

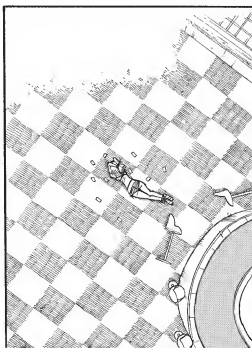
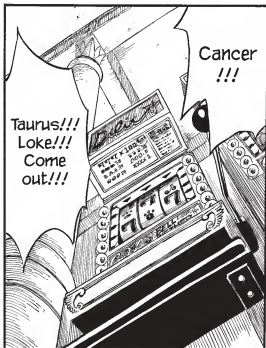
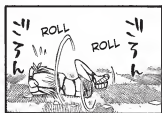
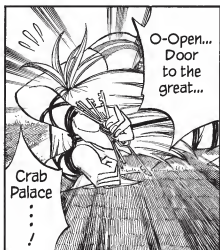
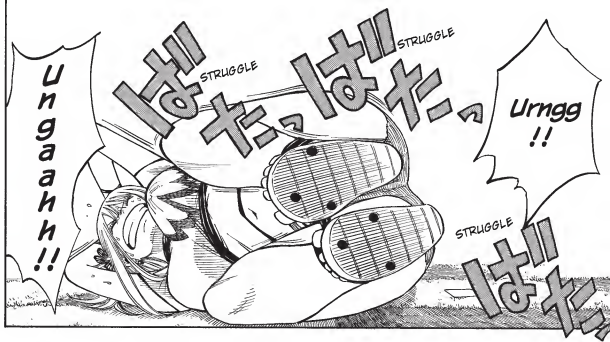
*Back
to the
Tower of
Heaven!!*

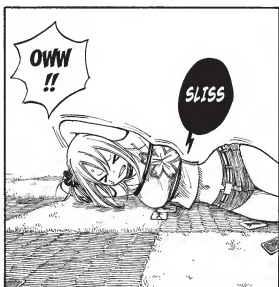
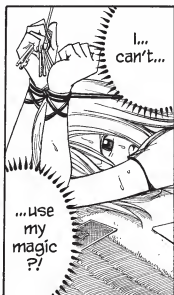


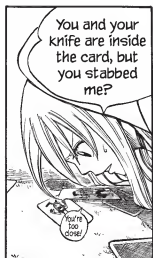
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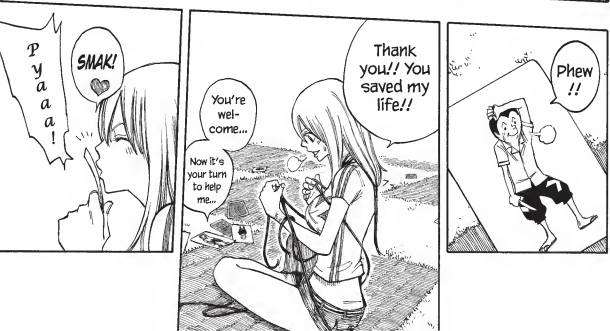
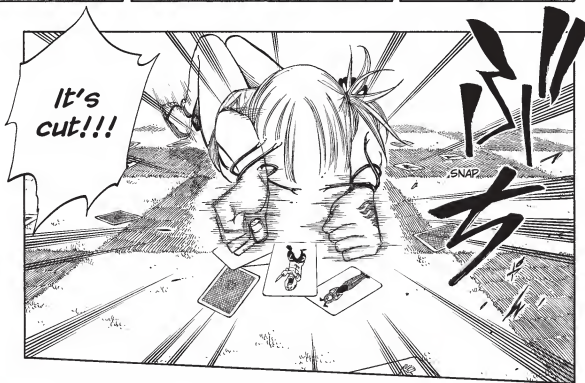
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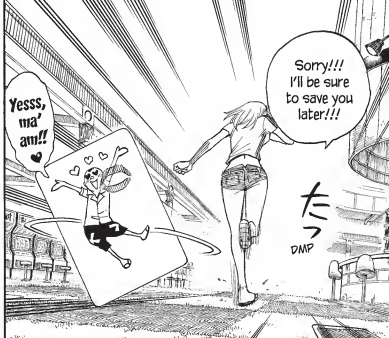
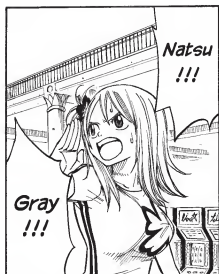


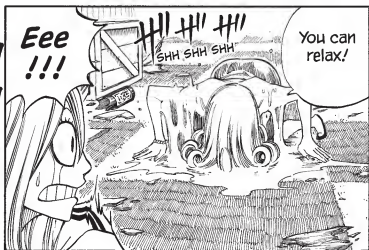


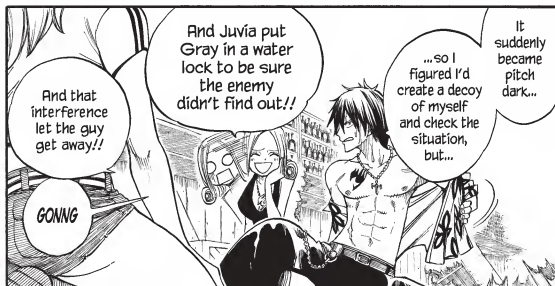
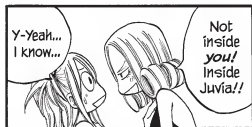


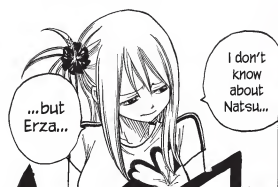




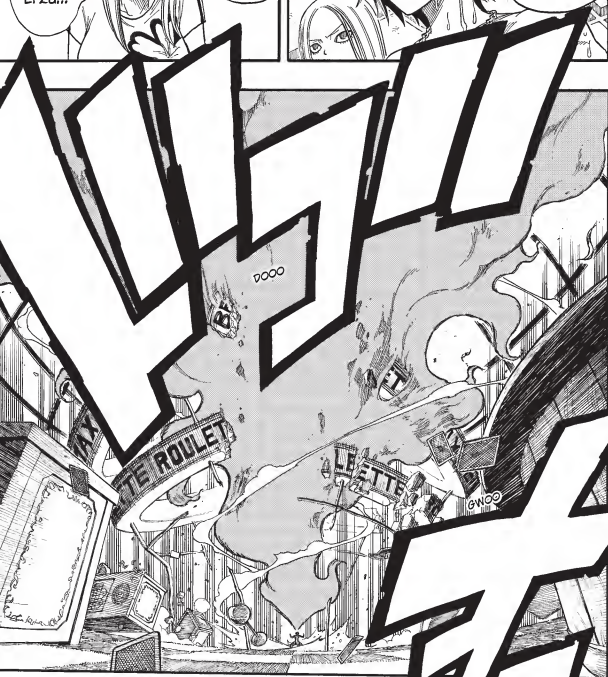








I don't know about Natsu...





BWAAH
!!



Natsu
!!!



It
hurts
!!!!

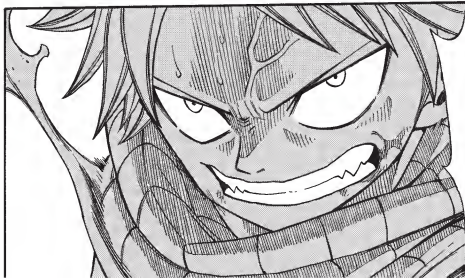


If you were
anything near a
normal human, you
would have been
completely out of
the game.

This really
hurts!!! If the
gun's angle was
a little different,
I could have been
wounded!!!!

Huh?!

Usually my
mouth can
take a lead
bullet with
no problem
!!!



That
boxy
creep
!!!



I
won't
let him
get
away!!!
Wait
up!!!!



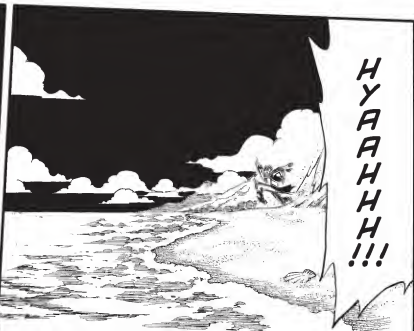
He does!
His nose
is sharper
than any
animal's!!

I would,
but who
knows where
they went?!

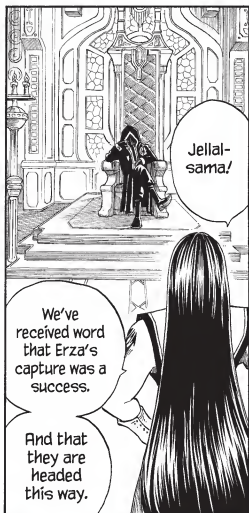
Let's
go
after
them!



★★★★★
○○○○○○○

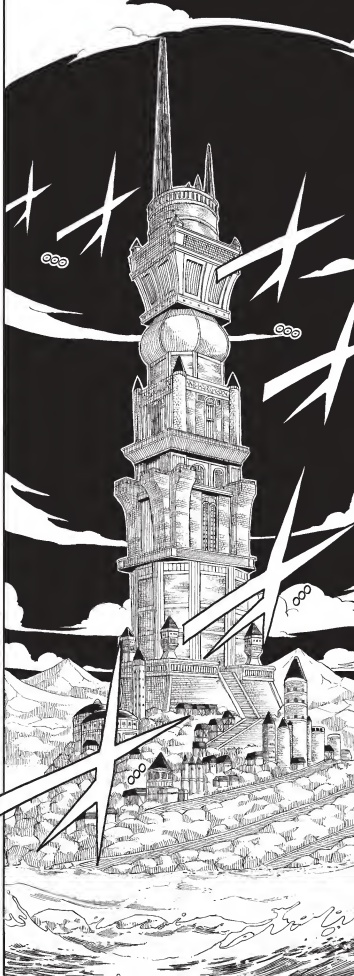
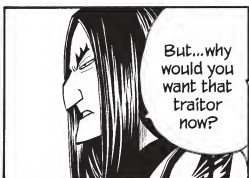


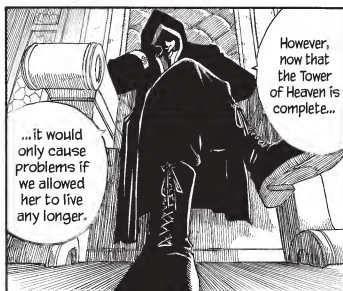
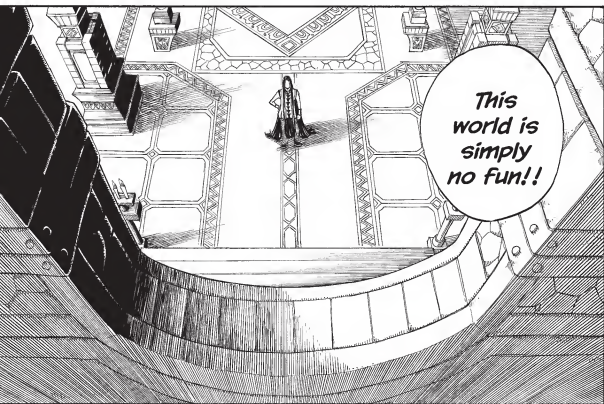
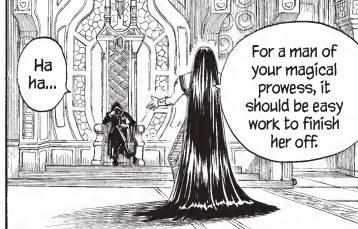
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Y
A
A
H
H
H
!!!

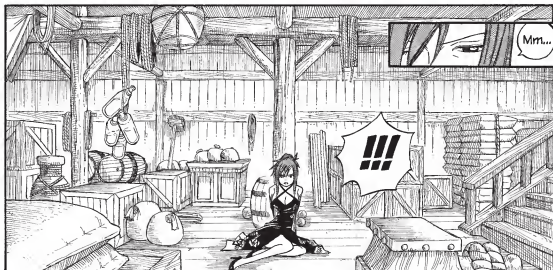
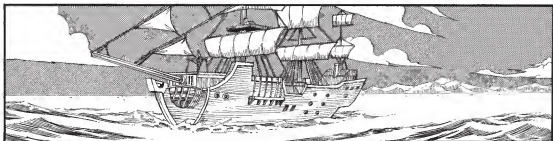
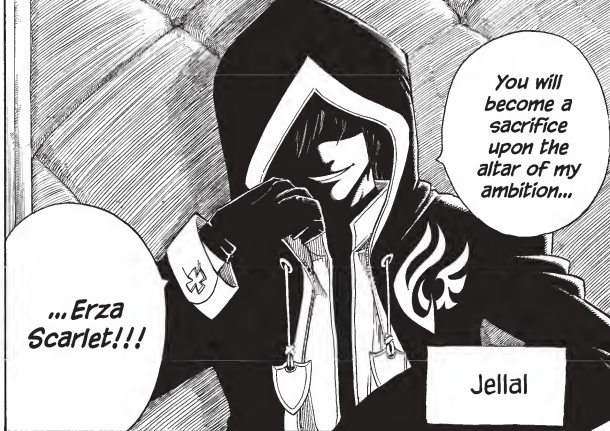


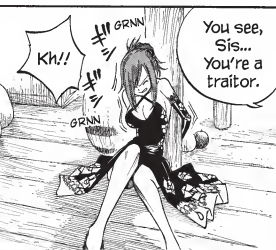
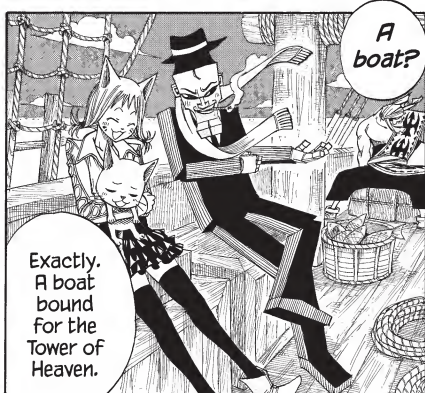
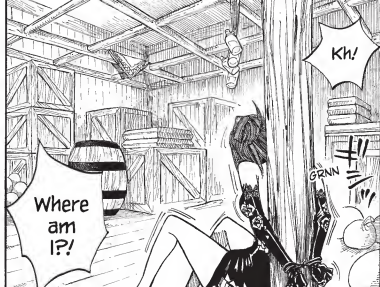
We've received word that Erza's capture was a success.

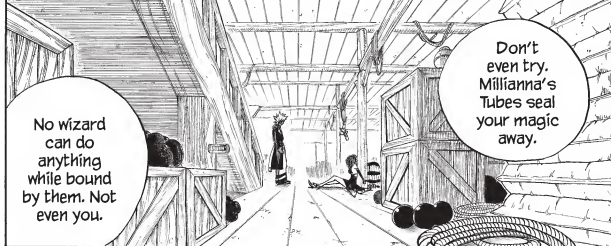
And that they are headed this way.





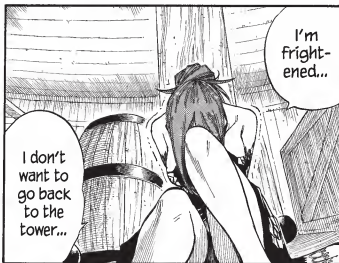






No wizard
can do
anything
while bound
by them. Not
even you.

Don't
even try.
Millianna's
Tubes seal
your magic
away.



I don't
want to
go back
to the
tower...

I'm
fright-
ened...



A-All right...
At the very
least, can you
let me requip
into my
armor?



But you
look lovely
in that
dress, Sis.



If I'm
not
wearing
my
armor...

...I
can't
bear
it...

GRAB



I
missed
you so
much!

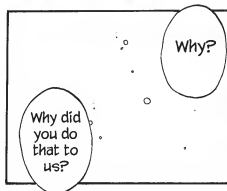
I
really
did...



I never
wanted
this to
happen!

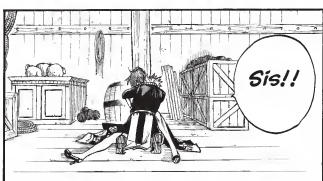


Shô...

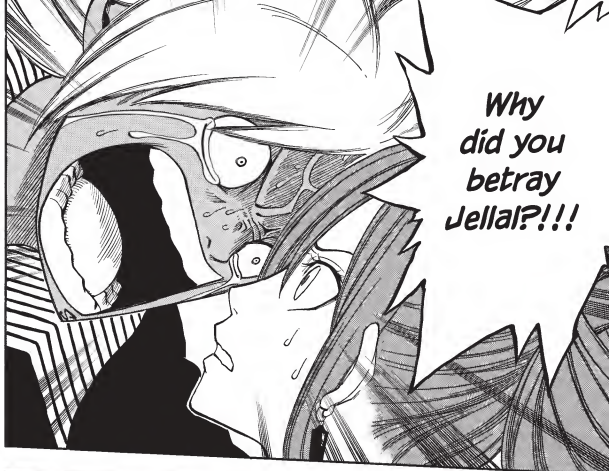


Why?

Why did
you do
that to
us?



Sis!!



*Why
did you
betray
Jellal?!!!*



Jellal...



Wally,
your voice
is even
louder than
Shô's!

Shô!!!
Keep your
voice
down!!!

Heh heh...
Sorry,
Millianna!

SLUMP



Sis,
over
here!!

Hurry
up!!



Y-You're right...



Erza, if we don't hurry, they'll find us!



TREMBLE 3 TREMBLE

I... I know what happens to anyone they find...

If... If they discover where we are...

TWITCH TWITCH



RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE



We're going to achieve our freedom!

Our own futures and dreams!!



SMILE

BLUSH

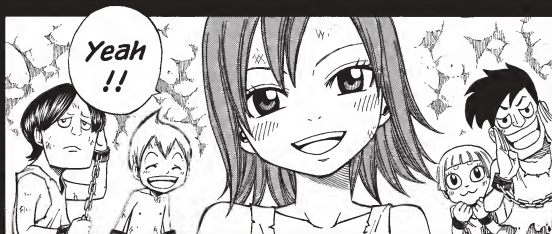
Jellal...



It's all right. Don't be afraid.

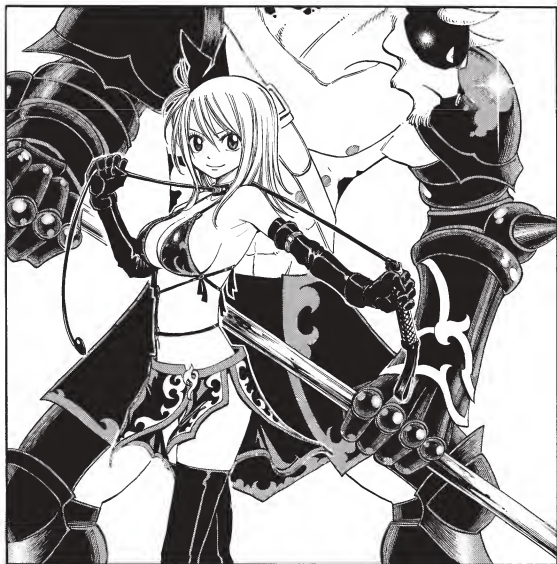
SHK SHK

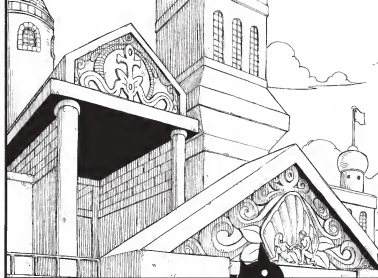
SHK SHK



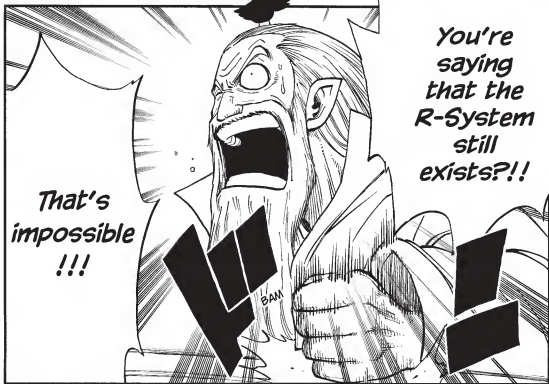
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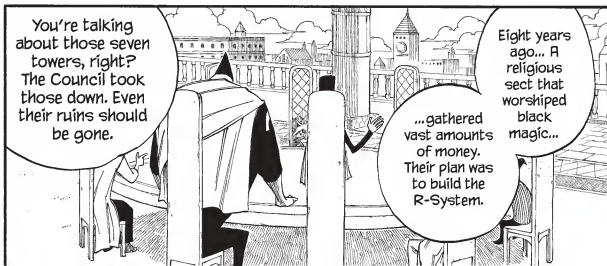


The
Magic
Council
chamber,
Era.



*That's
impossible
!!!*

*You're
saying
that the
R-System
still
exists?!!*



You're talking
about those seven
towers, right?
The Council took
those down. Even
their ruins should
be gone.

Eight years
ago... A
religious
sect that
worshipped
black
magic...

...gathered
vast amounts
of money.
Their plan was
to build the
R-System.

Unfortunately,
the local
investigators
aren't the
joking kind...

Th-They
couldn't
have already
built it,
could they?

There
were eight
towers.
One was
near the Ka
Elm sea.

The
Tower of
Heaven!

?!
?

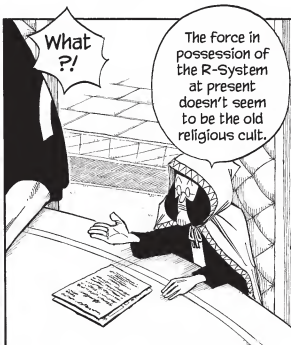
Why would
anybody be
working
on the
R-System
now?

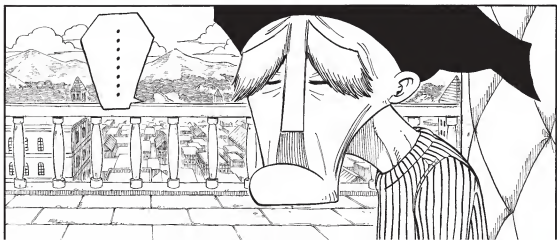
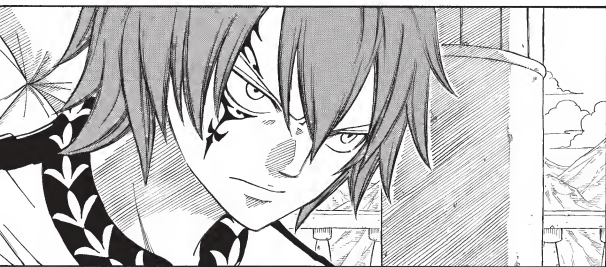
Uhhh...

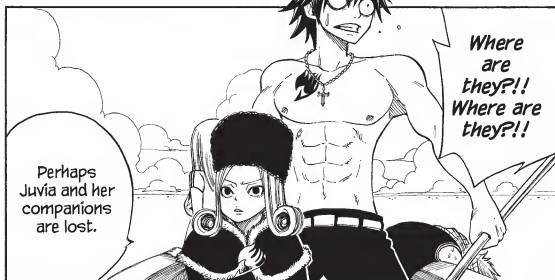
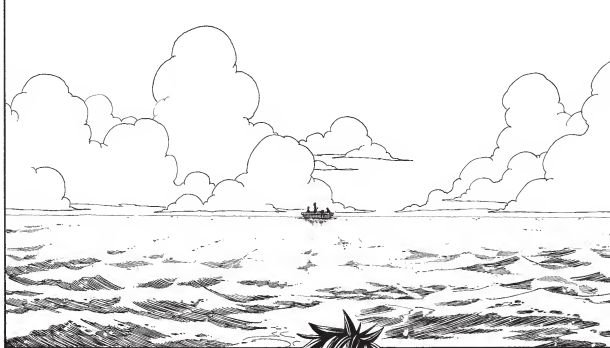
So...it
has been
built?

It's
called the
Tower of
Heaven...
right?

It isn't
called
the R-
System.



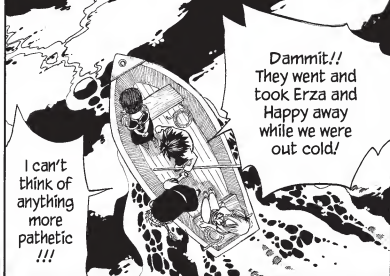




So true! Who would have expected a wizard as powerful as Erza to be defeated...



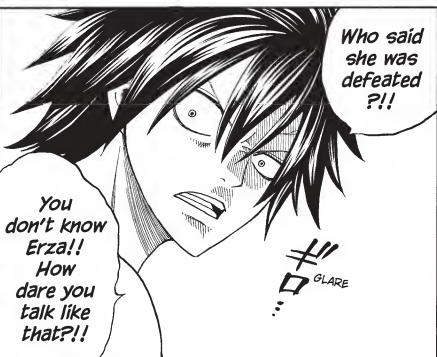
I can't think of anything more pathetic !!!



Dammit!! They went and took Erza and Happy away while we were out cold!

J-Juvia begs your forgiveness!!

Gray, calm down !!



Who said she was defeated ?!!

You don't know Erza!! How dare you talk like that?!!

!!
GLARE

...the first thing about who Erza is.

When you think of it, we don't know...

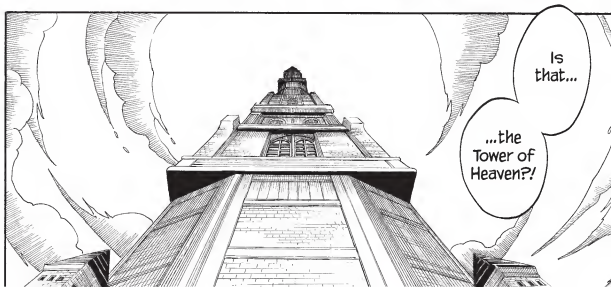
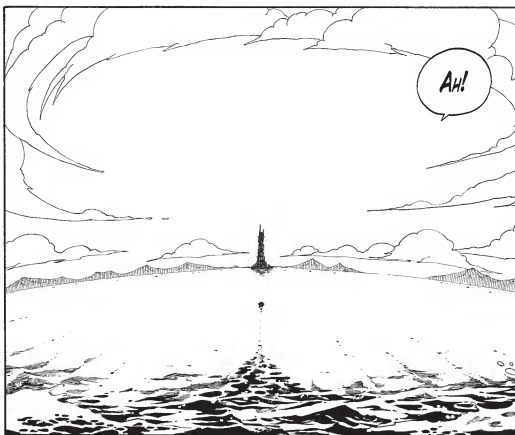
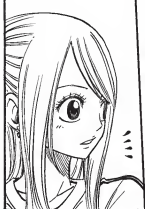


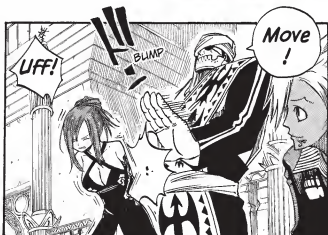
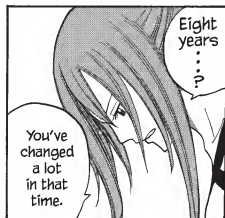
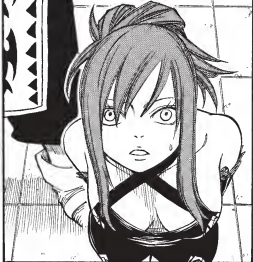
They said something about being old friends of Erza's.

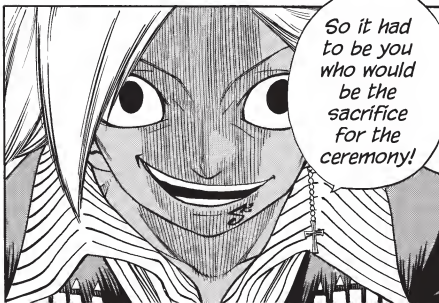
Tsk!!

URFF!









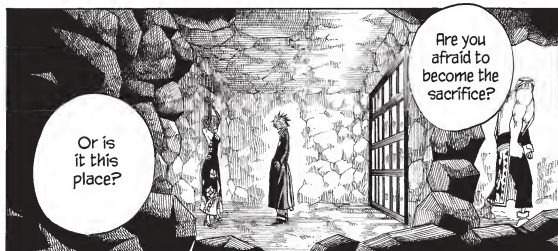


It's
making
you
tremble
?



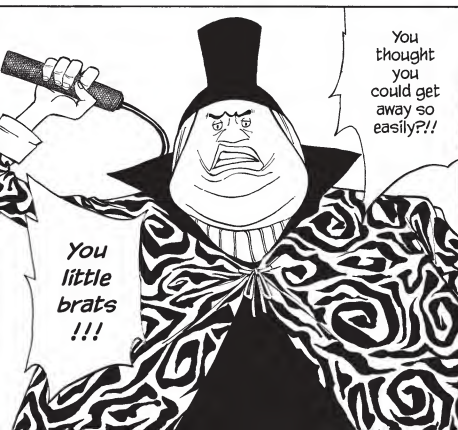
It
means
that I'll
never
see you
again.

But it's
all for the
sake of
Heaven!



Or is
it this
place?

Are you
afraid to
become the
sacrifice?



You
thought
you
could get
away so
easily?!!

You
little
brats
!!!





!!!
...this time only, we'll just punish one of you.



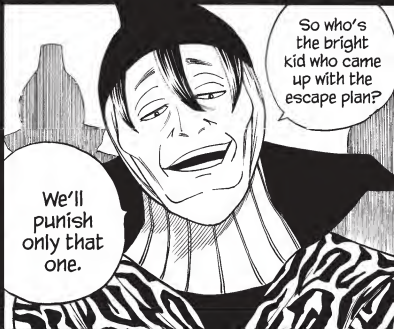
Wait a moment. We can't afford any delays right now.

Normally we'd deal out punishment to everyone, but...

You run off at a time when we need to get the R-System up and running as fast as possible!!



See how nice we can be? Heh heh heh...

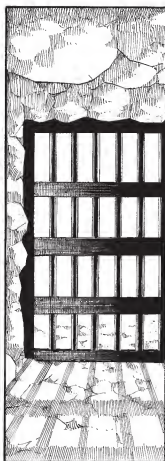
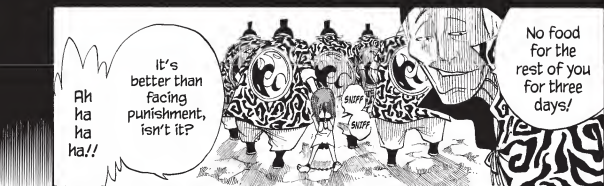
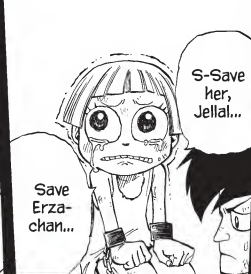


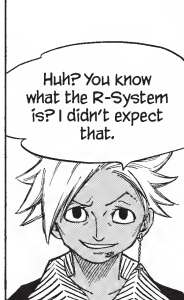
So who's the bright kid who came up with the escape plan?

We'll punish only that one.









Huh? You know what the R-System is? I didn't expect that.



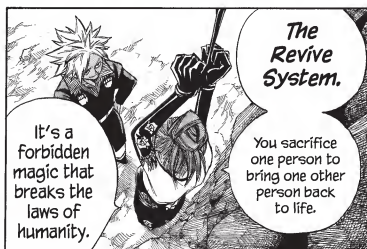
I don't care about that.

What's more important is whether you know how dangerous it is to bring people back to life using the R-System.



There are no human laws when it comes to magic.

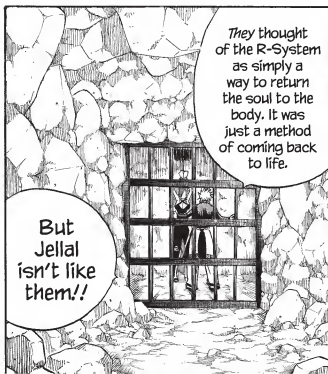
All magic leads to the decline of human civilization.



The Revive System.

It's a forbidden magic that breaks the laws of humanity.

You sacrifice one person to bring one other person back to life.

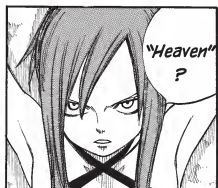


They thought of the R-System as simply a way to return the soul to the body. It was just a method of coming back to life.

But Jellal isn't like them!!



That's exactly what black wizards say. You're just like them!!



*We'll
bring
terror
and
sorrow
to them
all*

!!!!

*Then
we will
take
away all
of their
freedom*

!!!!

*We will
control
the
entire
world*

!!!!

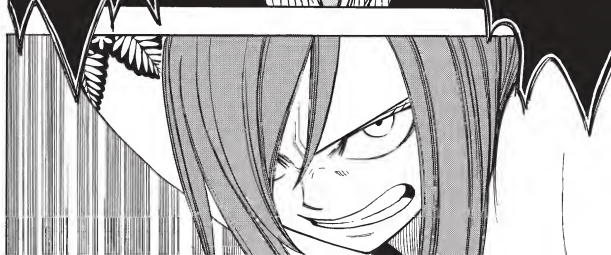
*Aaa
aaaaaah*

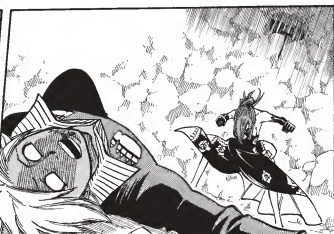
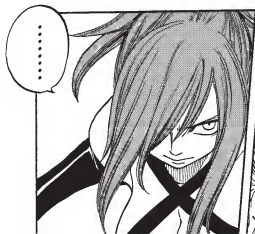
!!!!

*The
remnants
of the
group
that took
away our
freedom...
Those new
friends
you
haven't
betrayed
yet...*

*Those
mindless
minions
who roam
the world
without a
thought
in their
heads...*

*That
idiotic
Council...*





SIS!!!

姉さん!!!

What
could you
have done to
make a person
change that
much?!!

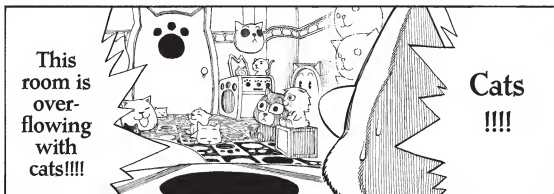
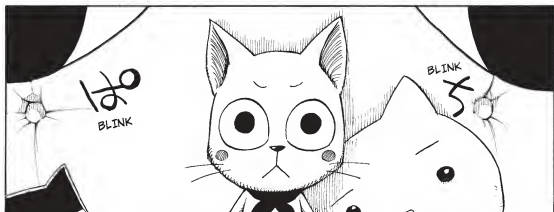
Jellal...

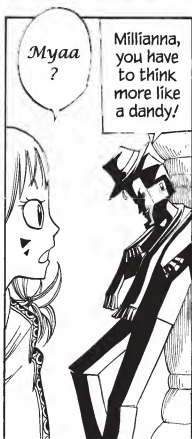
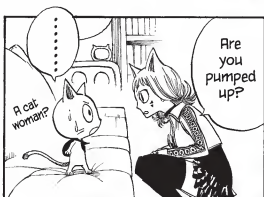
*...this is
all your
fault!!!!*

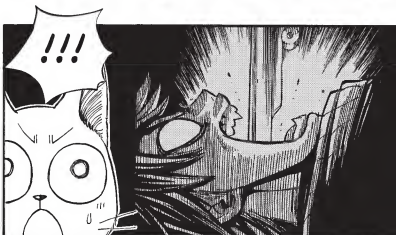
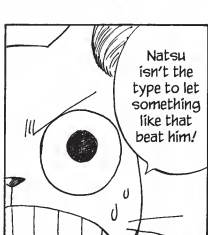
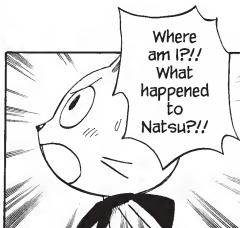
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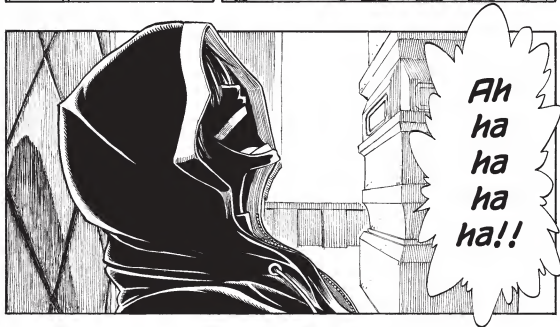
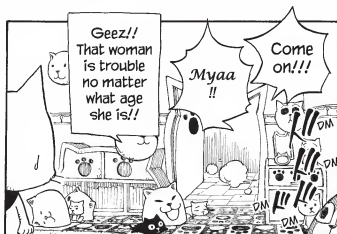
Chapter 79: Siegrain's Decision













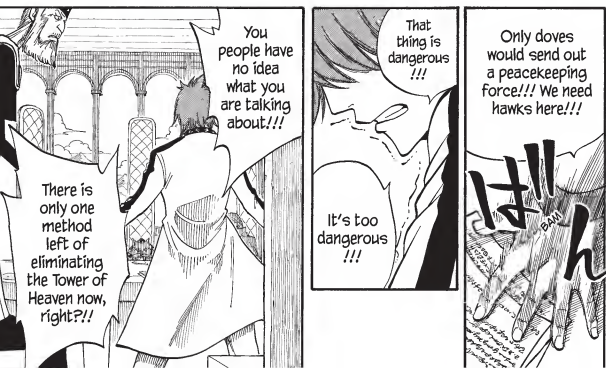
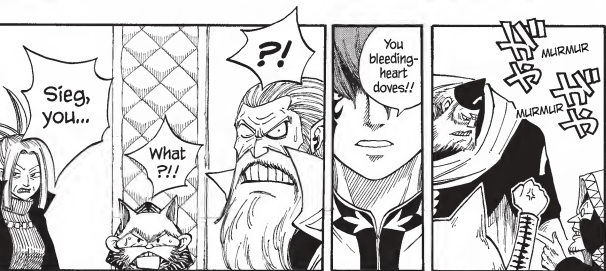
No matter who is controlling it, we must consider them an enemy!!!

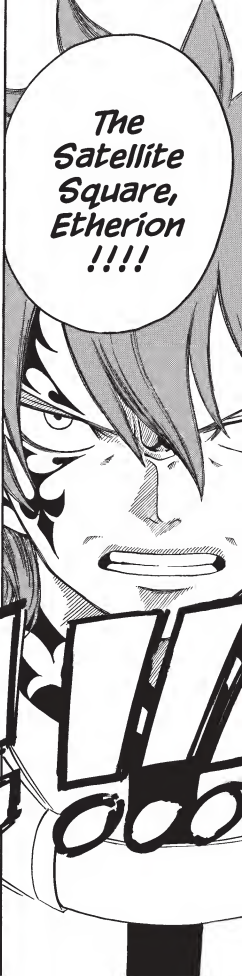
We must send out the military at once!!!

The R-System ignores the rules governing human life and death.

It is forbidden magic that gives rise to dangerous thinking!!

Era
:

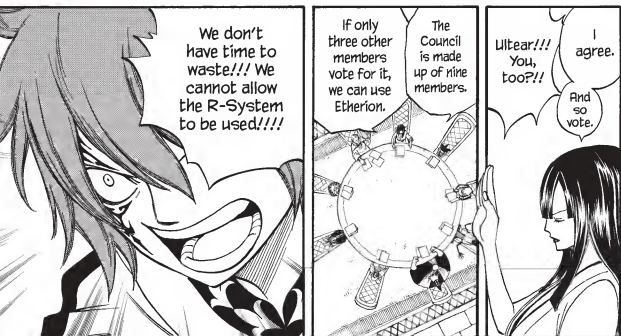


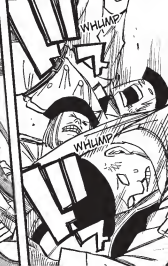
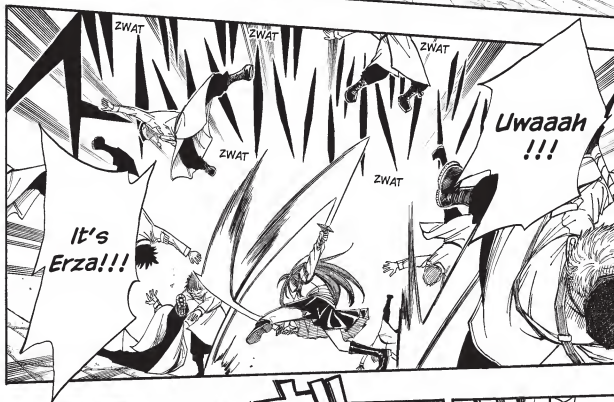
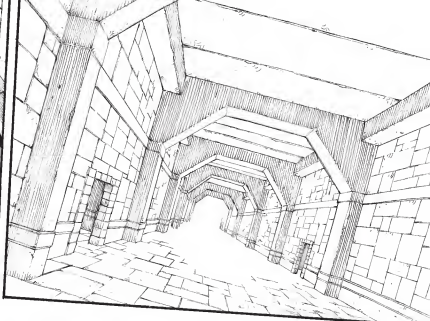


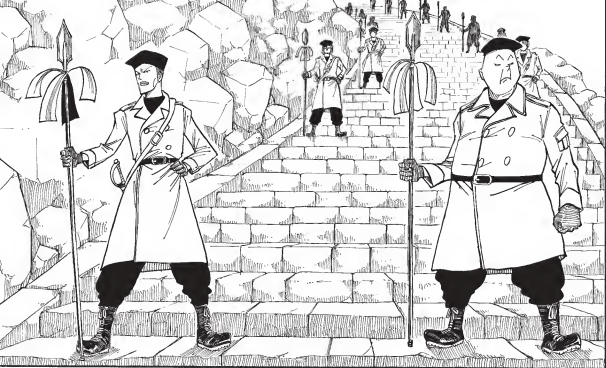
*The
Satellite
Square,
Etherion
!!!!*



BOOM!!!







If we screw up, they'll be the ones in danger!!

Erza and Happy are being held prisoner!

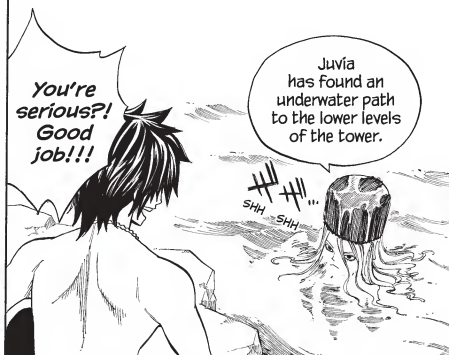
Who cares?! Let's just rush 'em!!

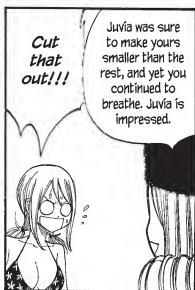
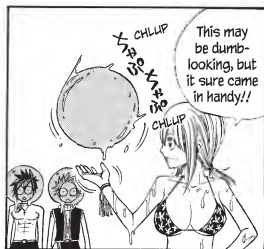
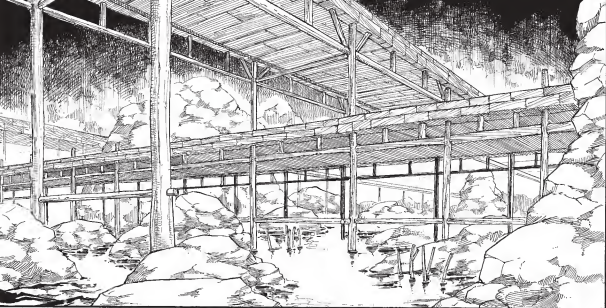
There are too many lookouts.

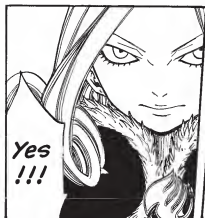
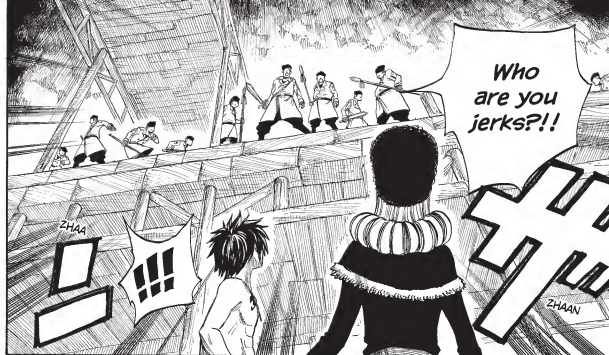
No!!

BLUP

Besides, it's still a long way to that tower thing over there!! We don't want to be discovered this far away!!

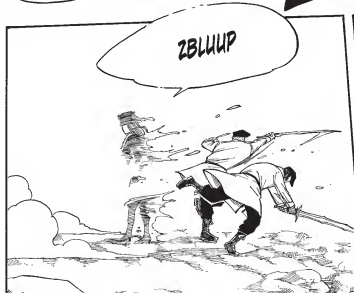
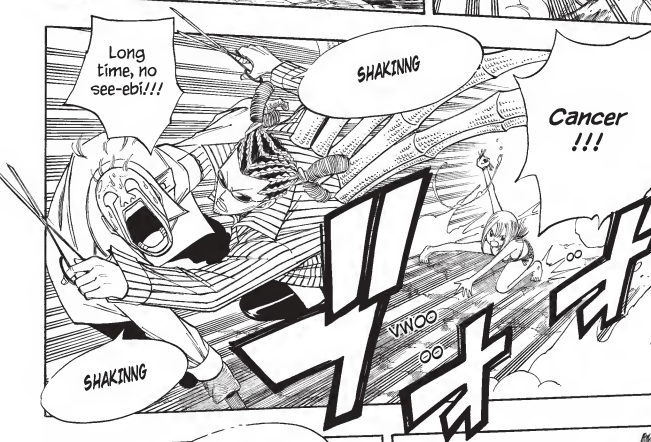






*We're
Fairy Tail,
you
dumb
thugs
!!!!*







*Ice
Make:
Hammer
!!!!*

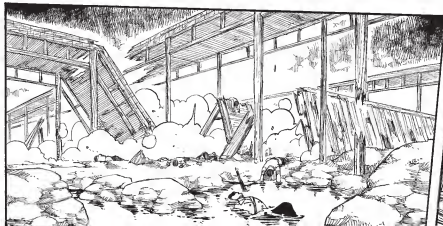
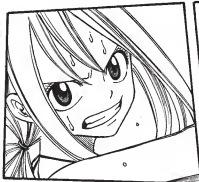
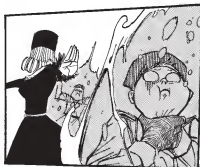
GOO

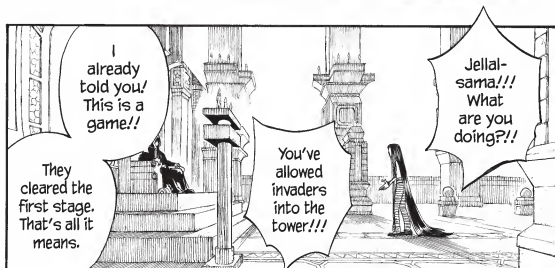
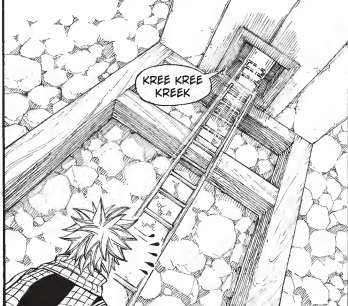
Gyaaa!!!

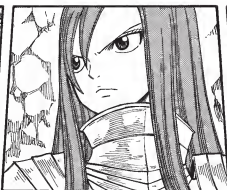
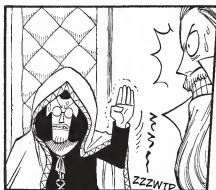
Gwahoh!!

Gu-gehh!!

ZULINN







FAIRY TAIL



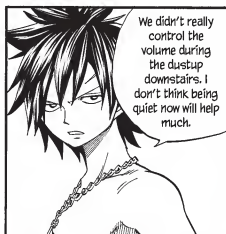
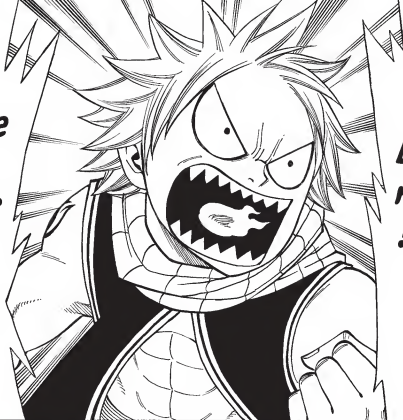
Chapter 80: Joan of Arc



 **FAIRYTAIL**

**Where
are
you?
!!!**

**Box
man
!!!!**

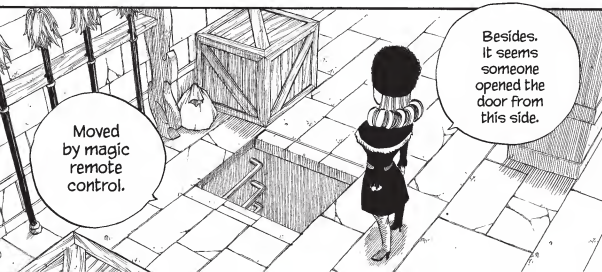


We didn't really control the volume during the dustup downstairs. I don't think being quiet now will help much.



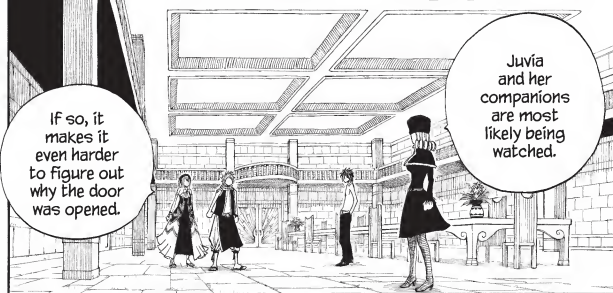
Let's use our quiet voice, shall we?

Come on!!! This is enemy headquarters !!!



Moved by magic remote control.

Besides. It seems someone opened the door from this side.



If so, it makes it even harder to figure out why the door was opened.

Juvia and her companions are most likely being watched.



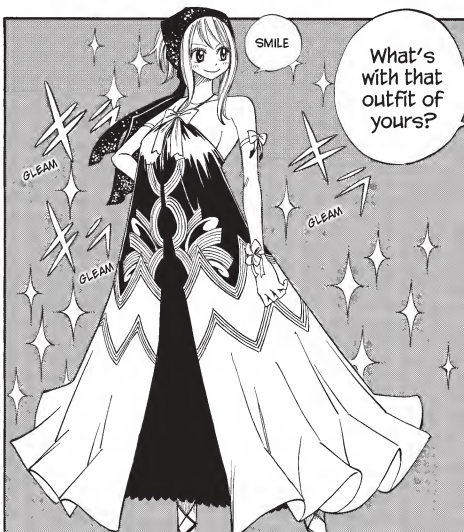
Provoke us, hm...?

Could they be trying to provoke something?



It's clothes from the celestial world. My clothes were soaked, so I asked Cancer to bring it along.

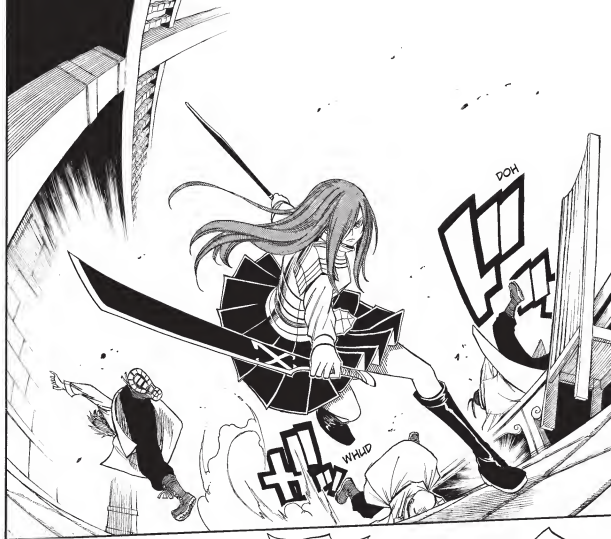
I know it looks great on me!

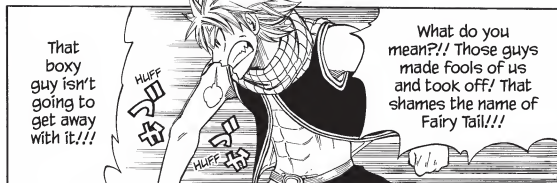


SMILE

What's with that outfit of yours?









What can you know from that?!!

Right!!!
Now I know!!!

I-I can't say...



?!!

So where's this Millianna guy?!!



I know that Happy is waiting for me!!!!



Let's get going after him!!!

That idiot/
Running off on his own again...

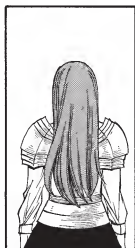
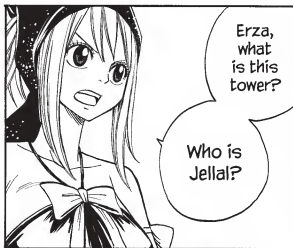
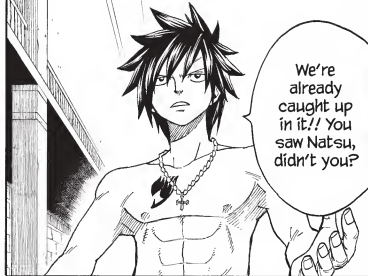


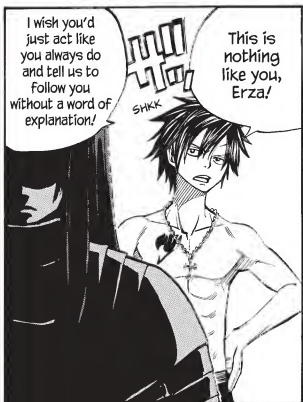
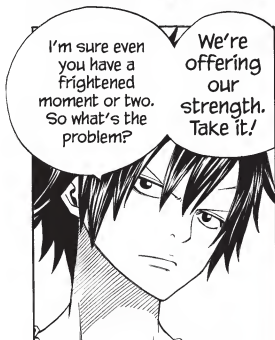
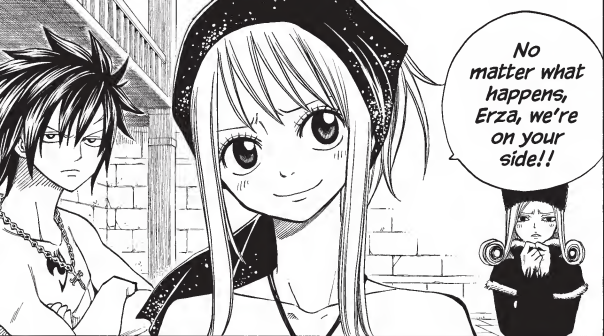
H-Hey, Natsu...

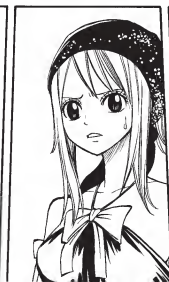
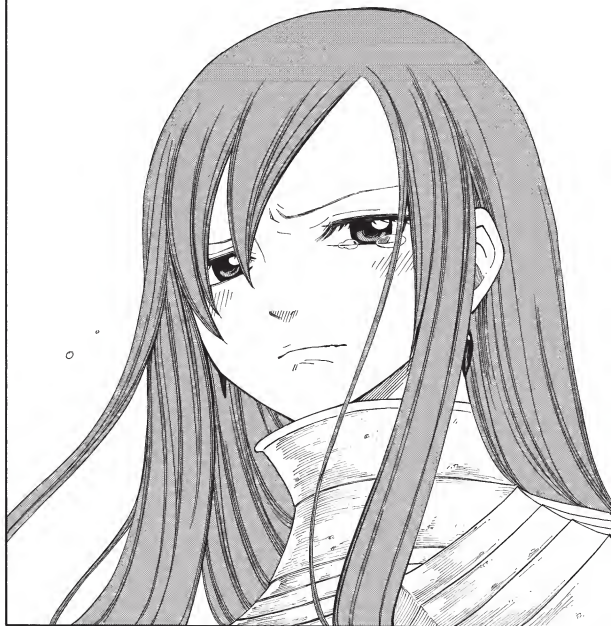
Happy!!!
Here I come!!!

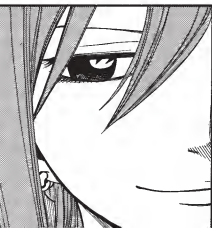
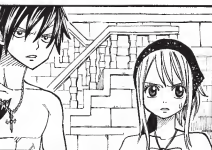
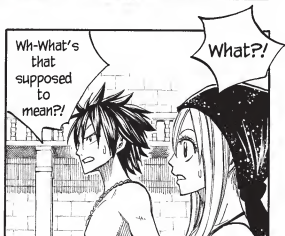
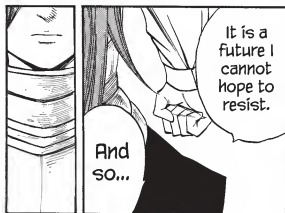
Natsu-san!!!

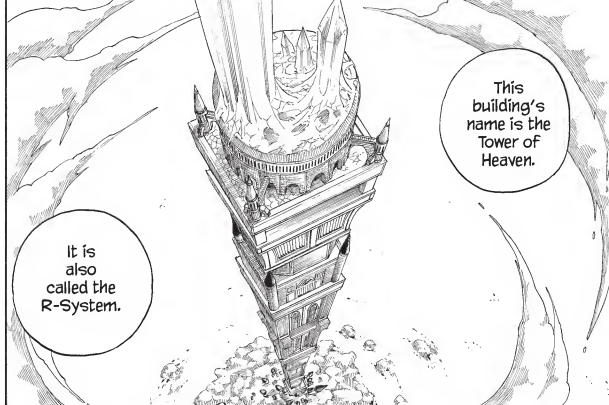






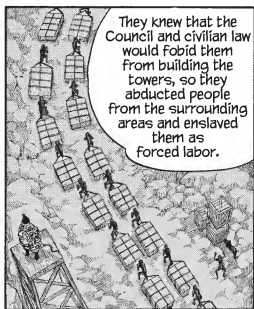






This building's name is the Tower of Heaven.

It is also called the R-System.



They knew that the Council and civilian law would forbid them from building the towers, so they abducted people from the surrounding areas and enslaved them as forced labor.



Revive the dead?!!



...tried to build towers that use magic to revive the dead.

More than a decade ago, a magic religious cult dedicated to Black Magic...



What?



When I was very small, I was put to work here as one of the slaves.





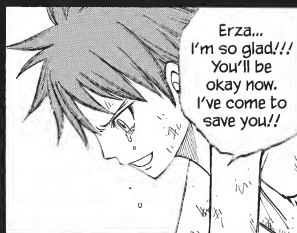
D a m n i t !!!



*What
did she
do to
deserve
this?!!!*



Why do
these
awful
things...?!



Erza...
I'm so glad!!!
You'll be
okay now.
I've come to
save you!!



Is...
that
you?

Jel...
lal...?

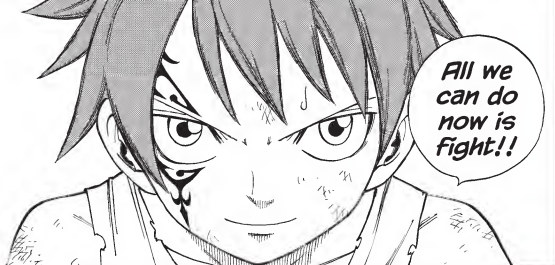


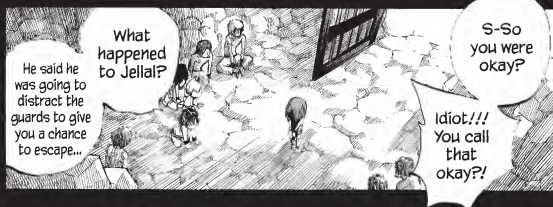
We
don't have
any other
choices
left.



...can
you
save
me?

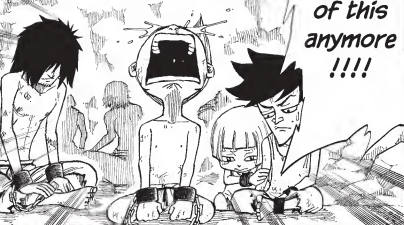
How...

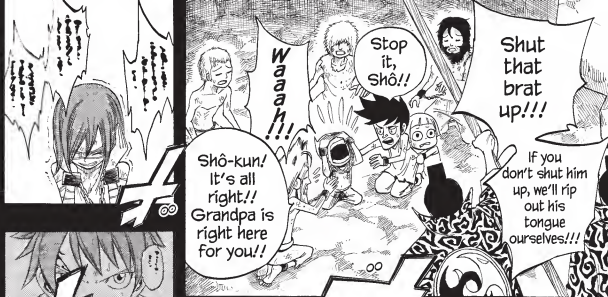




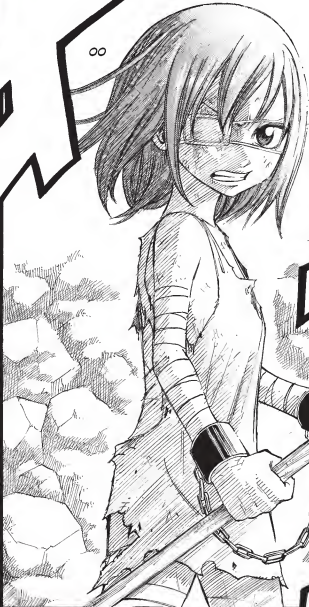


わああああん
WAAAAHHHH









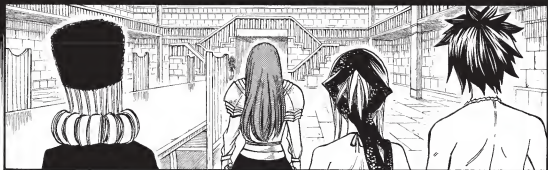
*We can
obey them!
We can run
from them!
But neither
of those
things will
make us
free!!!*



*All we
can do is
fight!!!!*



**Stand
up and
fight
!!!!
Fight
for
freedom
!!!!!!**



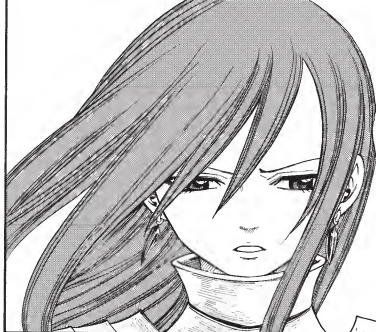
Back then,
Jellal had a
true sense of
justice. He was
everybody's
leader.

He
was my
ideal...

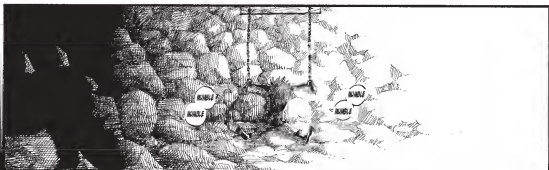


We
fought
for
freedom...

We
stood
up and
fought to
save
Jellal.



But at some point, Jellal turned into somebody else.



If I were ever to call a human evil...

...that is exactly the word I would use for Jellal.

FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 81: The Voice in the Darkness



It's a
slave
revolt!!!

Put it
down
now!!!

RAAAAA

DOKAAN

We can
take any
kind of
punishment,
thanks
to you
creeps!!!

You're
forgetting
that I'm
Mad Dog
Wally!!!

oooooooooooo



Kill
them
all!!!

Don't
leave a
single
rebellious
slave
alive!!!

Don't
even dream
that you
scum can
beat us
!!!

This
is the
way to
freedom
!!!!

Take
their
weapons
!!!

Stand your
ground!!!
We far
outnumber
them!!!

KRAK

GONCH

GWOOM

KEEN

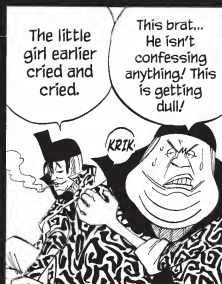
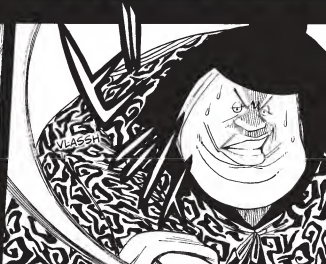
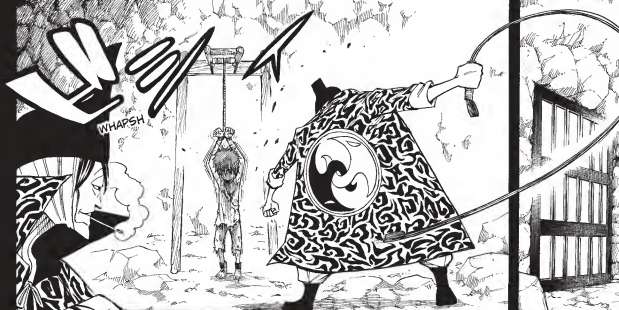
KLANK

KLANK

THAK

ZUBANN

DWAM





The moment
this tower is
completed,
every one
of you gets
to go to
Heaven!!

Listen, punk!
Can't you
understand
that building
the R-System
is a sacred
duty?!!



.....



The
greatest
black
wizard
of them
all will be
reborn!!!

The R-
System will
bring our
God back
to life!!!



You've paid
the brat back
enough for his
mouthing off.



VLASSH

Is that
any way
to talk
to a
priest?!!



Shut
up,
pig!

What
did that
brat
say?!!

Wha-
?!

Let's
go!



Human hate
makes me grow
stronger.

What
amusing
creatures...

After all, I
am here, so
close to them...



Where
are
you?!!

...and they
go to all
the trouble
to give me
flesh.

Wh-
Who's
there?!!

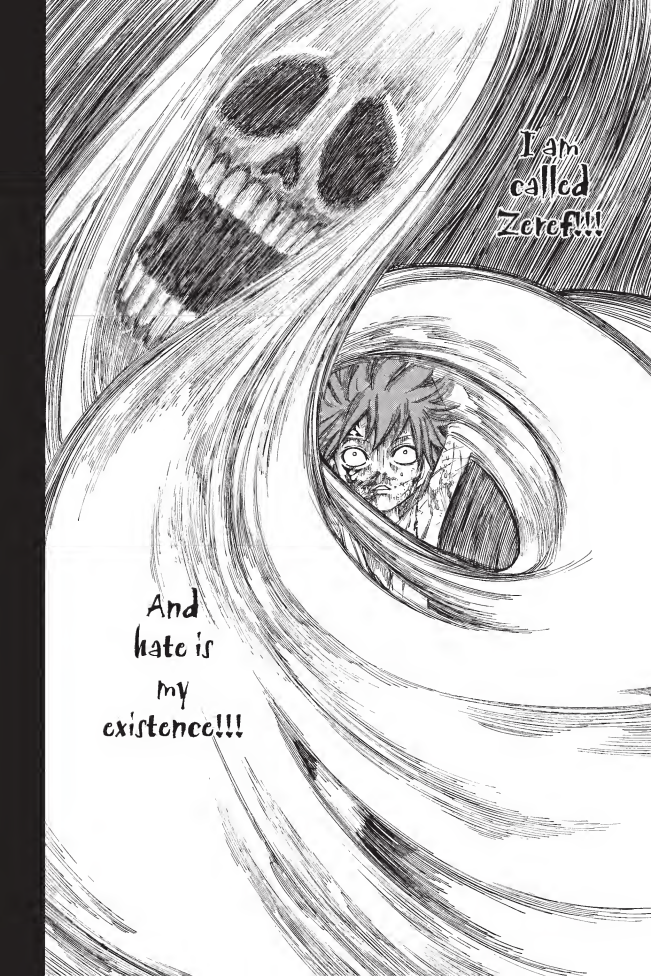
You can
meet
firsthand
the God
they so
revere.

Ah, but
you are the
lucky one,
child...

Come
out where
I can see
you!!!

But it is
only your
'hate' that
allows you
to sense my
presence.

They
can have
all the
'faith'
they
want.



I am
called
Zeref!!!

And
hate is
my
existence!!!

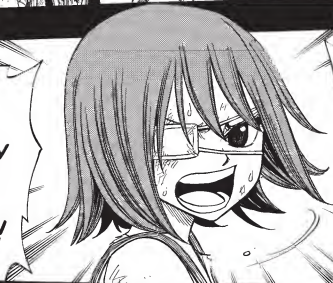
We can't
do it!!! There
are just
too many
guards!!!

We have to
free everyone
up to Sector
8 today!!!
Come on,
people!!!



It's
the only
way to
save
Jellal!!!

We
have
to!!!



Well,
I have
always—

Wh-What
are you
asking
me?!? Look
around!!!



We
don't
have
time for
this!!!

Huh
?!

Are you
in love
with
Jellal?!?

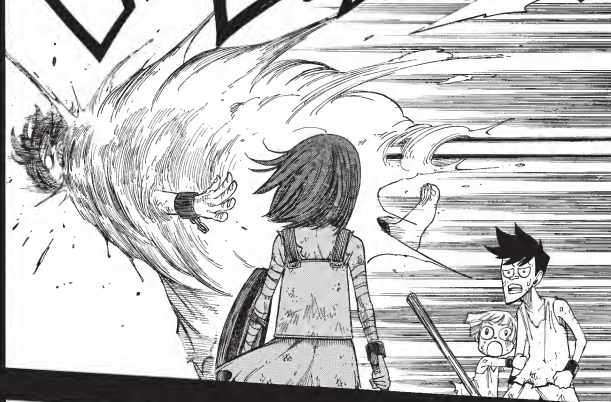


No hope
for you,
Simon!



Erza
!!

DWAAAAMM





TWITCH
TWITCH



Simon!!!



**It's the
magician
squad
!!!**

DM DM DM DM DM



**Gyaah
!!**

**Eyaahh
!!!**

**Uwahn
!!**



**Retreat!!!
Fall back
and
regroup!!!**

**We don't
stand a
chance
against
magic!!!**



**We
have to
fight
!!!!**

**No!!!!
You
can't
give up
now!!!!**

**We
have to
save
Jellal
!!!!**

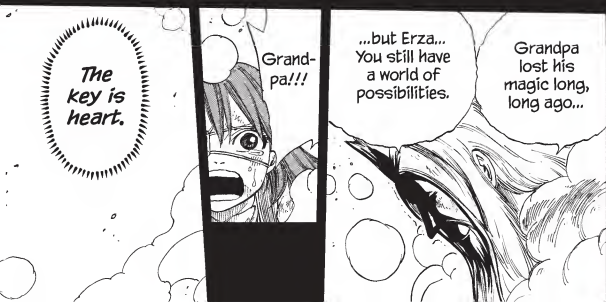
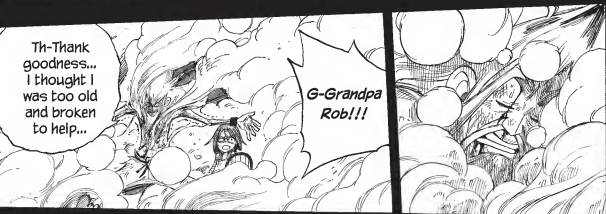
**Waahh
!!!**

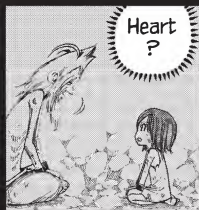
**Run
!!!**

**Erza
!!!**

**Sis
!!!**

DWOO





HO
HO
HO!

And fly
through the
sky on a
broomstick!!

Maybe
in the
future...
I can work
magic,
too!

Magic?

I think
that's
cool!

Flying
free!!

Flying
across
the
sky...

I'm
sure you
can.

When I
can, I'll
give you
a ride!!
Okay,
Grandpa?

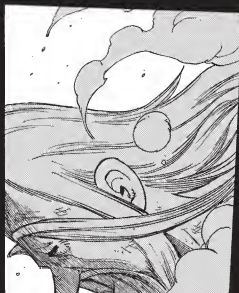


**Grand-
pa!!!**



SLUMP

I never
thought I would
see a smile so
beautiful in
a place like
this.



**Freedom
is found
within the
heart!**



WHUD

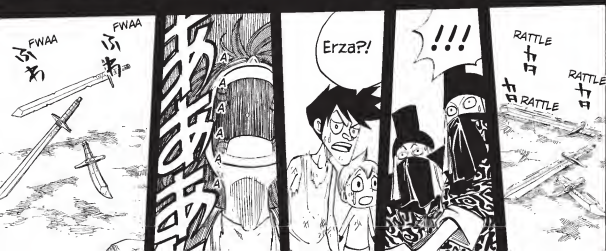
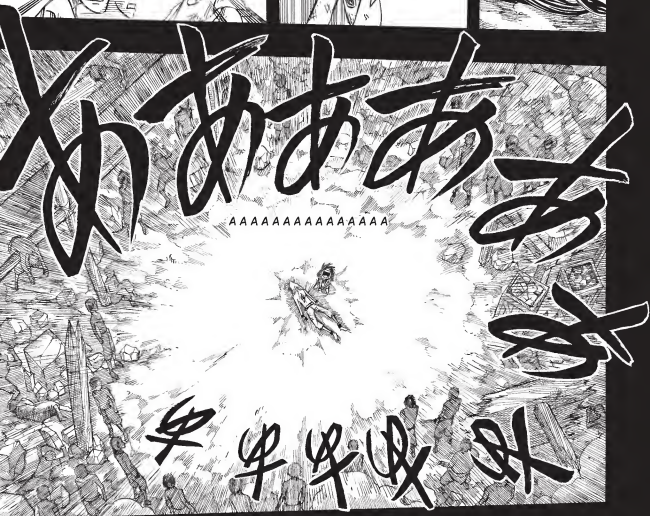


**Erza, I
know
your wish
will be
granted!**

Erza!!!
We need
to fall
back!!!

Simon,
guide
them back
someplace
safe!!!

Grand-
pa!!!!





A
a
a
a
a
h
h
h
!!!
!!!

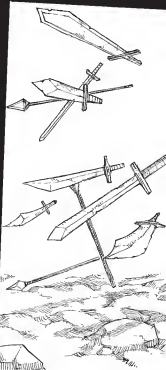


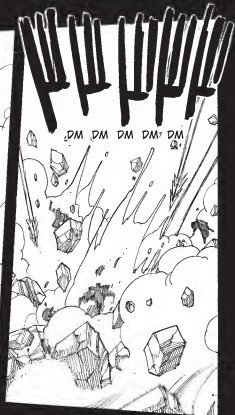
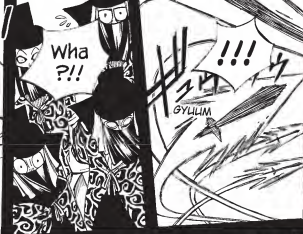
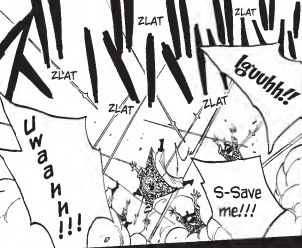
Those
weapons
are
floating...

Huh?!!



They're
pointing
at
us?!!







...I think
I can
finally
attain that
freedom
you talked
about!!

And
Grandpa...



I
can
do
this
!!!

This...is
magic...

With a
power
like this, I
can save
Jellal!!!



Sis, you
can use
magic?!!

Th-That was
incredible!!
The whole
magician squad
in a matter of
seconds...



**Follow
me
!!!!!!**

FAIRY TAIL

Chapter 82: Howling at the Moon





W-Wait
just a moment!!
I c-can admit
when I was wrong,
and I was wrong
to whip you...

Y-You see,
we were just
following orders
from above!!!
We didn't want
to do it!!! We
had to!!!



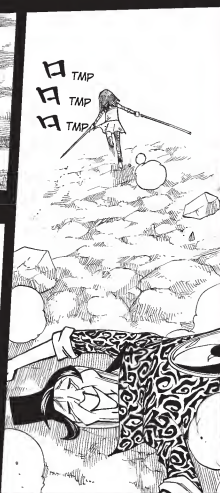
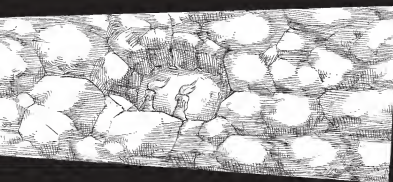
We can
be friends
now...

We're the
only people
of our
religion left!!
You guys
win!!

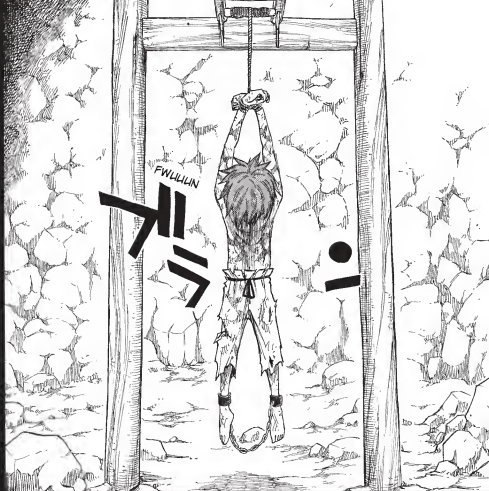
Right
?



You're
in my
way.



Jellal
!!!



I fought,
just like
you told me
to!!!



It's all
right
now!!! It's
all over!!!



There
were lots of
other
people
who were
hurt...



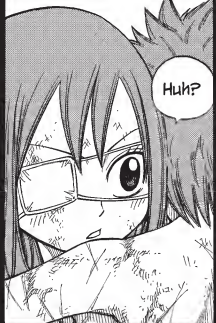
Simon was
injured, and
Grandpa
Rob died
protecting
me...



**We've all
got our
freedom
now!!!!**

**But
we
won!!!!**





Huh?



We don't
have to run
anywhere
anymore.



Jel...!ai?



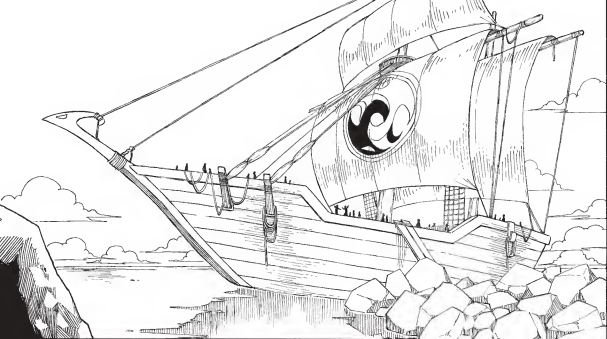
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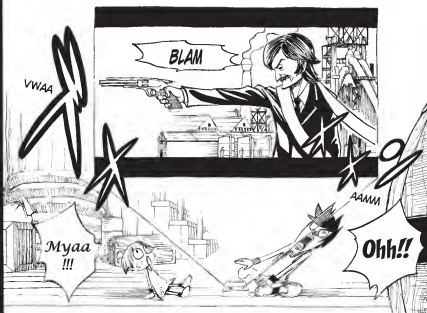


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GRIMMMP
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...



*True
freedom
is right
here!!*







Erza...
Freedom does not exist in this world!





*True
freedom
is only
found...*

*...in
Zeref's
world!!!!*

But they were "believers"...
Believers could never feel Zeref's existence.

I've come to understand a little about how these people feel. They were trying to revive Zeref.



I will take possession of this tower!!

I will complete the R-System and see Zeref's rebirth!!

Eeee!!!

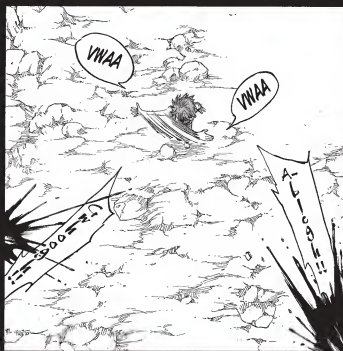
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Am I right?!



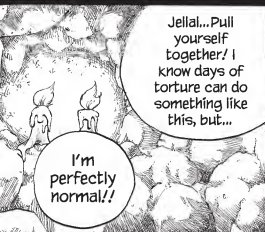
Wh-What happened to you, Jellal?

I don't understand a word you're saying—





Uhn !!



Jellal... Pull yourself together! I know days of torture can do something like this, but...

I'm perfectly normal!!



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ha
ha
!!!!



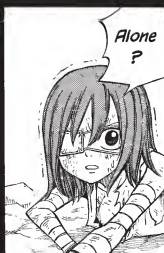
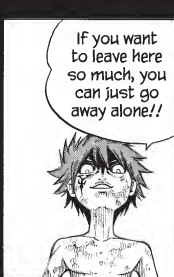
Stop talking dumb !!!

We *have* to get off of this island!!!



Erza, let us rebuild the R-System together...
No!!! We will rebuild the Tower of Heaven!!!

And with it, revive Zeref!!!





What are you talking about? Everybody else is already aboard the ship just waiting for us!!

There's no way they'd come back here to do slave labor again!!!

Control via fear and force make for bad workmanship.

I'll give everyone clothes, food, even days of rest.

No need to worry. I'm not like those guys.

CHANK

CHANK

Jellal...

I'm begging you... Please wake up!!

I will give it a meaning!! They will all work to bring the great magician Zeref back!

That was the mistake of an incompetent leadership who gave no meaning to the work!

I...

...can't breathe...

GRIMP

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Agh!!

GWIT



You must get your fill of that fleeting freedom of yours.

But you'll have to leave the island.



But I don't think I'll kill you. I owe you that much, since you took care of those fools who got in my way.

I don't believe I need you anymore!



If the government were to find out about the Tower of Heaven, all of this work would go to waste!

I think you understand the rules, but just in case... You are forbidden to talk of this with anyone!



Jel...lal...



Jel...lal...

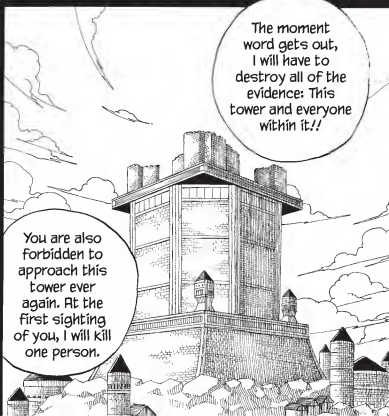
PLIP

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Hm... I think that one person should be named Shō.



The moment word gets out, I will have to destroy all of the evidence: This tower and everyone within it!!

You are also forbidden to approach this tower ever again. At the first sighting of you, I will kill one person.

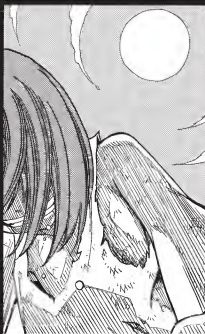


Ah
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!!!!!!

That will
be your
"freedom"
!!!!

Go, and
take the
burden
of the
lives of all
of your
friends
with you,
Erza!!!!

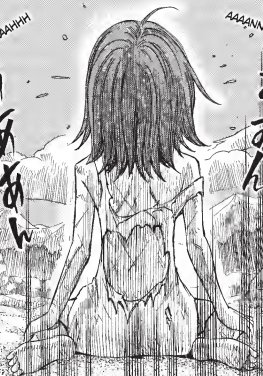


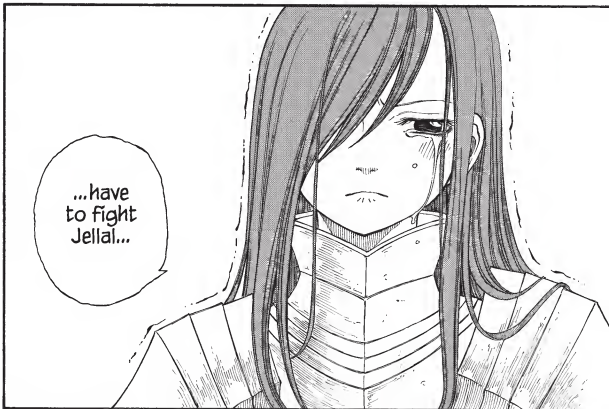
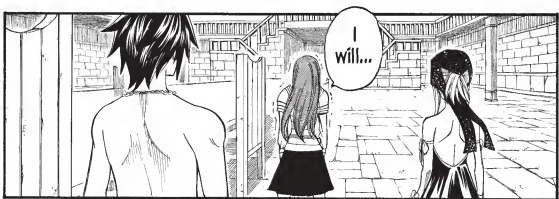
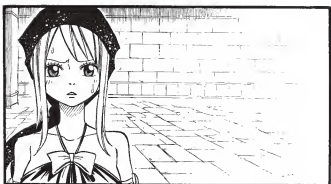
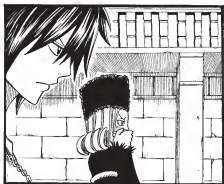


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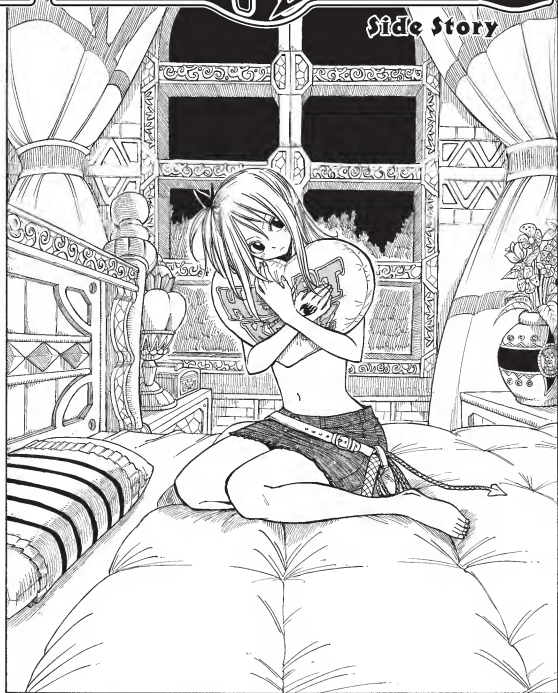




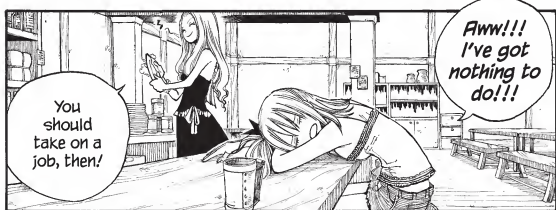
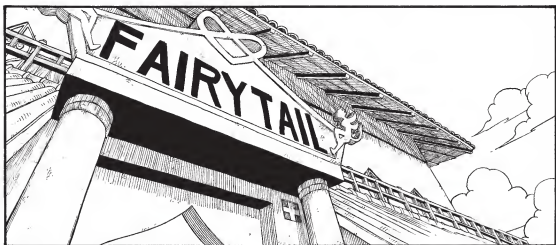
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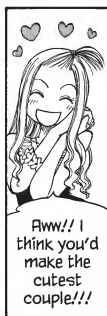
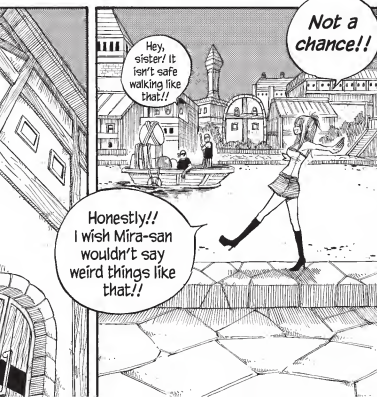
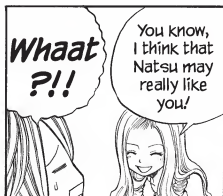
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Side Story

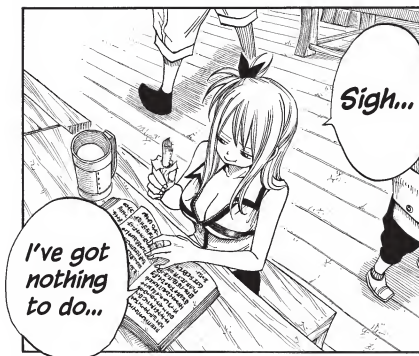
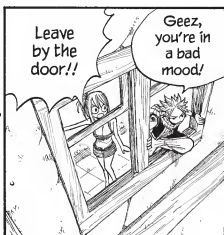
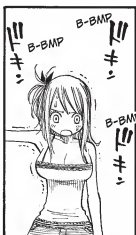
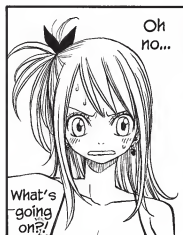


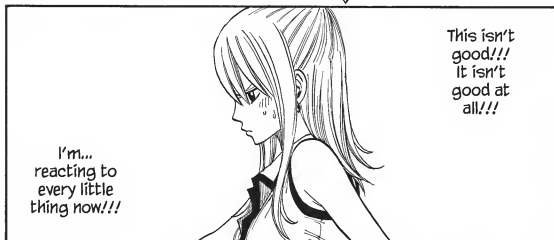
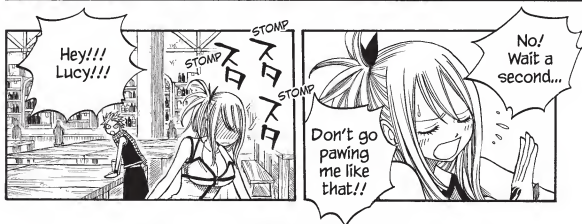
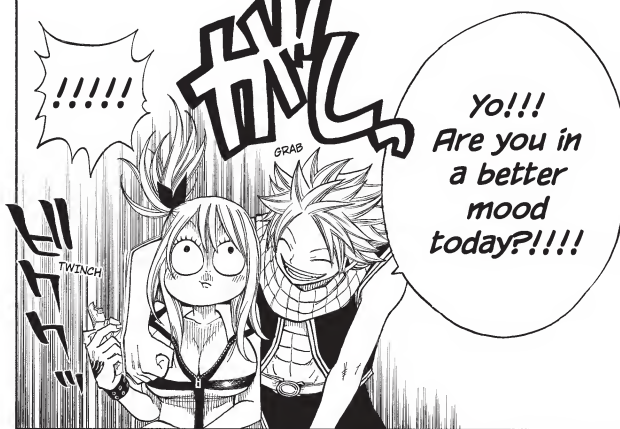
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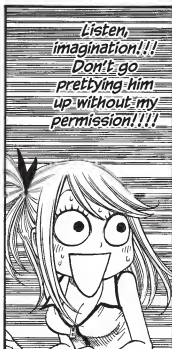
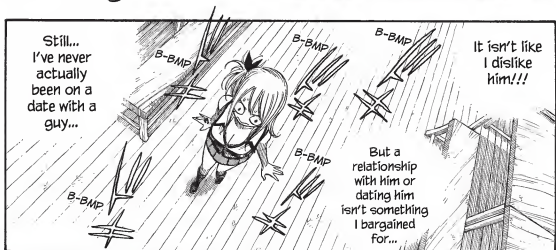
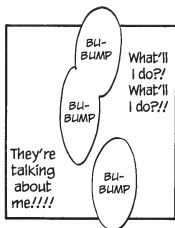


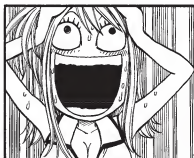
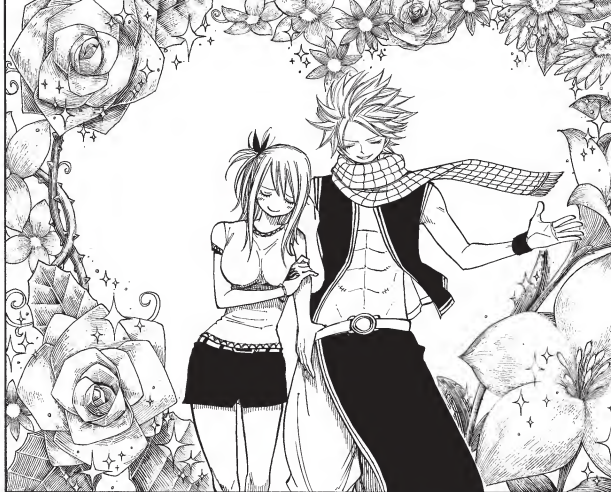






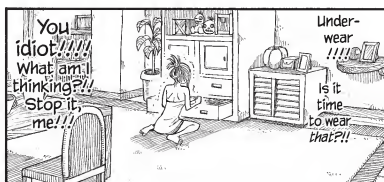
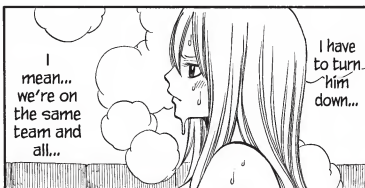
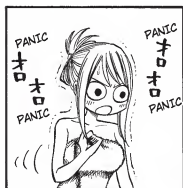


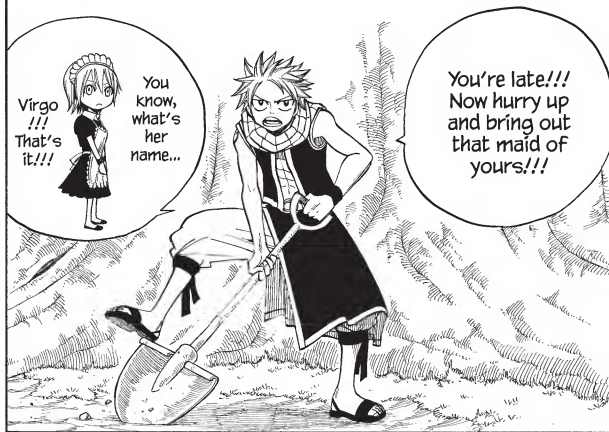


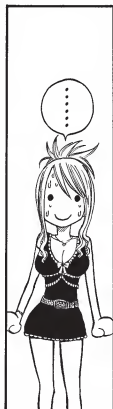
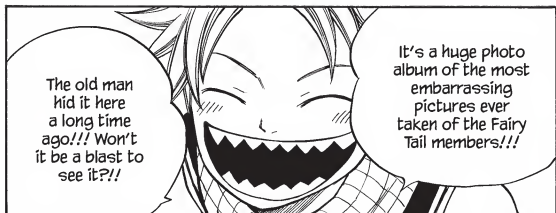


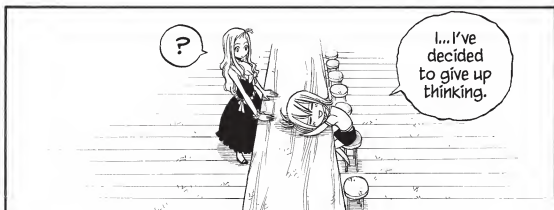
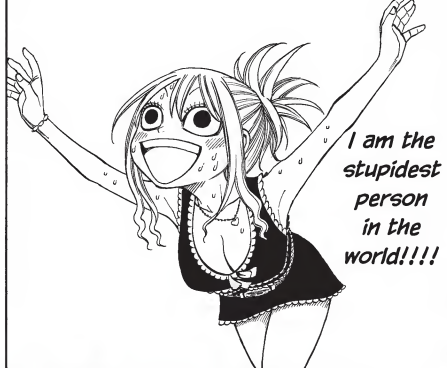
*Didn't I
just tell you
to cut that
daydream
stuff out?
!!!!*











The End

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Bonus Pages



Rejected Splash Page

The pose wasn't very natural. After I noticed that, I quickly placed it in the rejected pile.

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Gifu Prefecture, Yasuyo Hayasaka

▶ I like her expression and pose! Petite and sexy!



Miyagi Prefecture, Aoi

▶ It's Mirajane from long ago! I'm getting the itch to tell that story.



Niigata Prefecture, Ai

▶ That's so cool! You know, you're not supposed to draw bigger than I can!!



Aomori Prefecture, Kuro

▶ This is extremely cute!! And so well drawn!



Hiroshima Prefecture, MIE

▶ What wonderful smile!! One great piece of artwork!

Rejection Corner



Osaka, Yuki Inoue



Hiroshima Prefecture, Taboriuske



Wakayama Prefecture, Buzo

▶ This picture has an interesting favor. What's that in the bottom left...?



Nagasaki Prefecture, Lemon-Sul

▶ What do you think of the love story? Personally I liked it a lot.



Miyagi Prefecture, Ikko-mechan

▶ I get lots of letters asking what became of this girl!



Niigata Prefecture, Reina

▶ Well done!! You're not gaining experience, don't you?



Okayama Prefecture, Araihi

▶ That's amazingly cute!! I love this kind of picture!



Shiga Prefecture, Ami Horii

▶ Everybody's in animal costumes!! But happy cosplayers' meet a costume!



Yamagata Prefecture, Fuyu

▶ I know his back-story!! Really!! I've thought everything out!!



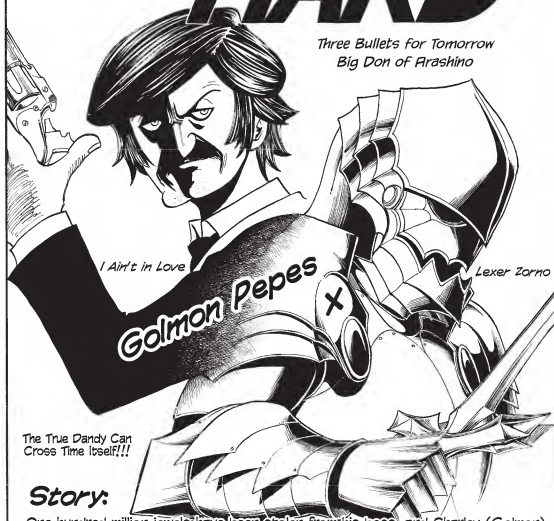
Kanagawa Prefecture, Mei Shimizu

▶ This is so cute!! Oh yes!! I'm feeling too content!!

DANDY HARD

Winner of the Best
Picture Macademy
Award!!

Three Bullets for Tomorrow
Big Don of Arashino

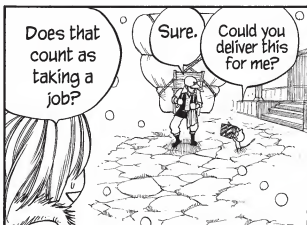


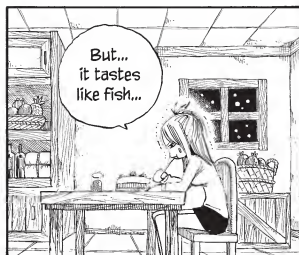
The True Dandy Can
Cross Time Itself!!!

Story:

One hundred million jewels have been stolen from his boss, and Sharley (Golmon) chases it all the way back to the Middle Ages. But the man waiting for him there is his old friend, Tony-Joe (Lexer)!! Two men fated to battle through time! The mafia vs. the knight in this one-of-a-kind final battle!! At last, this Macademy Award-winning epic comes to a lacrima crystal near you!!!

Happy's Little Job





The End

AFTERWORD

In this volume, we plunge right into the Erza story!! You know, it's kind of hard to get the balance between the heavy dramatic stuff and the fun stuff! I try to get even a small laugh at least once into every chapter, but really, these dramatic scenes truly get in the way! This series of episodes is extremely heavy, but upon second reading, there were a lot more fun scenes than I expected (sweat sweat)!

By the way, does anybody have any guesses why there are butterflies when we first go into Erza's flashback scenes? Actually this was left over from an idea that was rejected. Does anybody out there know of the Chinese story, "The Dream of the Butterfly"?

One day, there was a man who dreamed that he was a butterfly. When he awakened, an odd thought struck him. Could it be that my life as a butterfly was real? That I am not a man dreaming that I am a butterfly, but...

I was thinking of using a plot like that. That the present Erza is actually just the young Erza's dream of the future. Or something to that effect. But if I were to use that idea for real, what would happen to Natsu and Lucy and everybody else?! And I thought about it for a few weeks, and now the idea can only be found in those remnants. Keeping it would have made the story very complicated!

Also, there is a one other secret that's part of this episode. It's a very mean-spirited, evil plot (ha ha)! Those in the know will know what I'm talking about! And those who don't will have the enjoyment of watching the whole thing unfold. It will all become clear in volume 11...or maybe volume 12? Any of you who were fooled should scream out the words as follows:

"Mashima, you meanie!!!"

And I'll give you my answer in advance,

"I'm sorry!!!"

About the Creator

HIRO MASHIMA was born May 3, 1977, in Nagano Prefecture. His series *Rave Master* has made him one of the most popular manga artists in America. *Fairy Tail*, currently being serialized in *Weekly Shōnen Magazine*, is his latest creation.

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

General Notes: Wizard

In the original Japanese version of *Fairy Tail*, you'll find panels in which the English word "wizard" is part of the original illustration. So this translation has taken that as its inspiration and translated the word *madōshi* as "wizard." But *madōshi's* meaning is similar to certain Japanese words that have been borrowed by the English language, such as judo (the soft way) and kendo (the way of the sword). *Madō* is the way of magic, and *madōshi* are those who follow the way of magic. So although the word "wizard" is used in the original dialogue, a Japanese reader would be likely to think not of traditional Western wizards such as Merlin or Gandalf, but of martial artists.

Names

Hiro Mashima has graciously agreed to provide official English spellings for just about all of the characters in *Fairy Tail*. Because this version of *Fairy Tail* is the first publication of most of these spellings, there will inevitably be differences between these spellings and some of the fan interpretations that may have spread throughout the Web or in other fan circles. Rest assured that the spellings contained in this book are the spellings that Mashima-sensei wanted for *Fairy Tail*.

Dream of a Butterfly, page 3

The story that Mashima-sensei notes in his Afterword is a retelling of a story told in a book by the ancient Chinese philosopher Zhuangzi (also known as Chuang Tzu, 369–286 BC), who is considered to be one of the two greatest philosophers of Daoism. While Confucianism was based on self-sacrifice and conformity, the Daoism of Zhuangzi was the opposite, based on individual freedoms and escape from society and its pressures. Zhuangzi encouraged spontaneous behavior and thought, since he believed that such was a reaction to reality as it truly is, rising above societal and linguistic limitations.

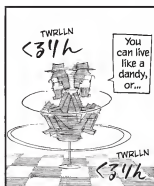
Smashing Watermelons on the Beach, page 10

This is a traditional summer game for children in Japan. Like pinata games, the player is blindfolded and given a stick. Unlike a pinata, the watermelon is left sitting on the sand (or on a blanket on the sand) so Natsu's direction of 'up' would make no sense. Once the watermelon is smashed, all the children divide up the watermelon pieces and eat it.



Dandy, page 20

There are many words that make their way from English into Japanese and get their meanings changed along the way. The word 'dandy' doesn't mean the same in Japanese as its present English definition of a fop or a shallow, fashion-obsessed man. One Japanese dictionary starts off its definition with 'a real gentleman.' That is probably what Mashima-sensei was thinking when he wrote Wally's character. Since Wally got the word from the lacrima crystal movie Dandy Hard, I couldn't use 'gentleman' or any other English word that might more closely indicate the Japanese meaning.



Get it?, page 23

This is an approximation rather than a translation. In Japanese, Wally uses the sentence ending particle *ze* at the end of most of his sentences. The way Wally uses the particle is the same way men use it when they are trying to act tough — like in the yakuza or in a street gang. The 'get it' in English sounds a little like the tough character that Wally wants to be.



Big Sis, page 26

Readers of the manga *School Rumble* will be familiar with the Japanese honorific *nee-san* (or *Onee-san*), which is used by younger siblings when referring to their older sister. However, this honorific can also be used by people who are unrelated to the “big sister,” such as children talking to an older girl or shop clerks who want to address a young lady but don’t know her name. In *School Rumble*, the honorific appears all of the time. But here, only Shō uses it, so I decided to translate it rather than leave the honorific in Japanese.



Are you pumped up?, page 36

This was kind of difficult to translate. This is a slightly unusual phrase in Japanese that Millianna used that means about the same thing as ‘Are you at top energy?’ But it’s also similar to the standard Japanese question, *O-genki desu ka*, which basically means, ‘How are you?’ I had to come up with a distinctive phrase that could be Millianna’s catchphrase without losing the meaning of the original. ‘Are you pumped up?’ seemed like a good compromise.



-ebi, page 102

As explained in the notes for volume 2, some manga and anime characters end their sentences with small, meaningless syllables that are distinctive to the character. In Japanese children’s stories, crabs usually end their sentences with *-kani* (*kani* means “crab” in Japanese). But although Cancer is a crab, he ends his sentences with *-ebi* (*ebi* means “shrimp” in Japanese). It was a little joke in volume 2, but it has also become a part of Cancer’s character.





With Kase-sensei!

Weekly Shōnen Magazine is celebrating its fiftieth birthday!!! And as part of the festivities, I get to draw a manga that is a tribute to Kase-sensei's manga, *Chameleon*. This is a picture of when I conferred with him. I think it's pretty incredible to be able to be in the same photo as a mangaka that I've admired ever since my student days! And that thought was keenly felt throughout the entire interview. Even so, Kase-sensei is a fun guy! But that's only natural since the most interesting manga come from interesting people, huh?

—Hiro Mashima

Honorifics Explained

Throughout the Kodansha Comics books, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When addressing someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy at Kodansha not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in Kodansha Comics.

- san:** This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., or Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.
- sama:** This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.
- dono:** This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.

-kun: This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.

-chan: This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even between lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.

Bozu: This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms "kid" and "squirt."

Sempai/

Senpai: This title suggests that the addressee is one's senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as "sempai." It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.

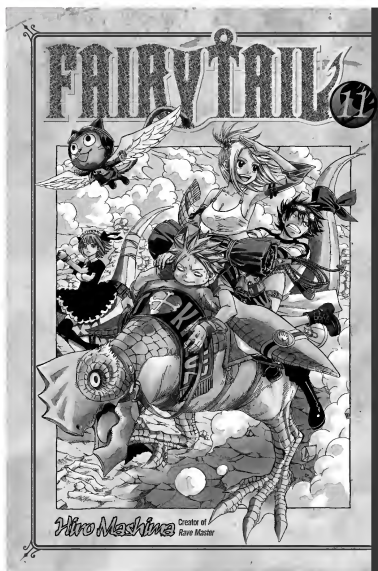
Kohai: This is the opposite of "sempai" and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.

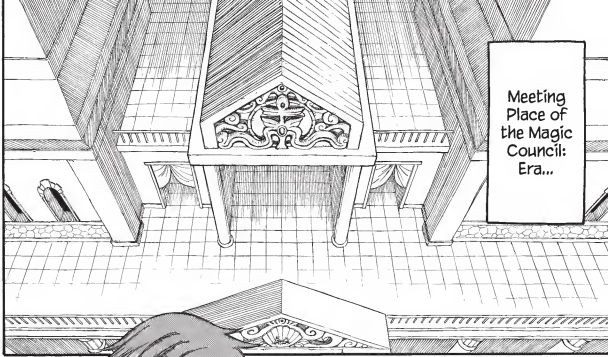
Sensei: Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

-[blank]: This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. Known as *yobisute*, it can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one's name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn't been earned, it can be very insulting.

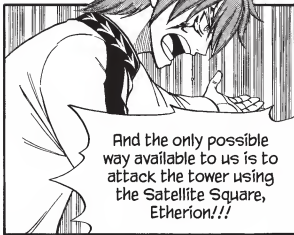
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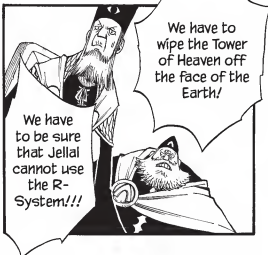




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Era...

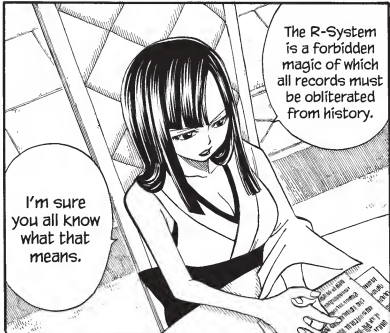


And the only possible
way available to us is to
attack the tower using
the Satellite Square,
Etherion!!!



We have
to be sure
that Jellai
cannot use
the R-
System!!!

We have to
wipe the Tower
of Heaven off
the face of the
Earth!



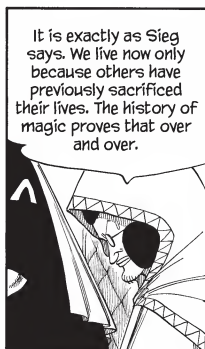
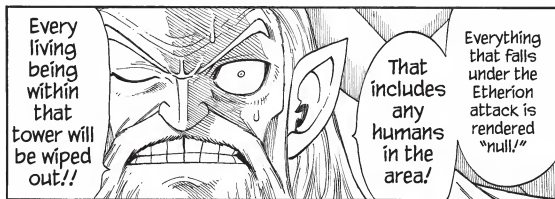
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is a forbidden
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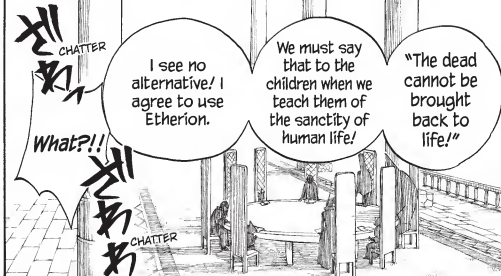
I'm sure
you all know
what that
means.



Hm...

But...





I see no alternative! I agree to use Etherion.

We must say that to the children when we teach them of the sanctity of human life!

"The dead cannot be brought back to life!"

What?!!

CHATTER



Only one more vote... hm?



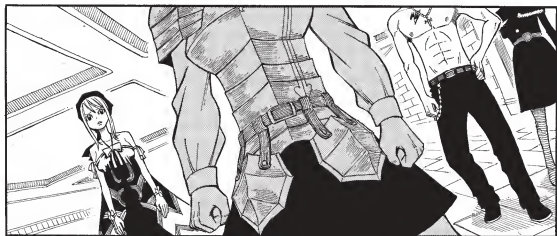
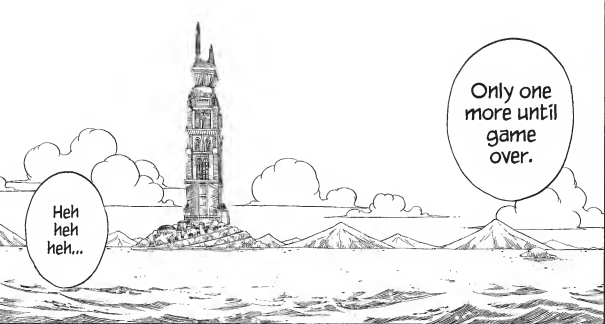
We need only one more vote!!

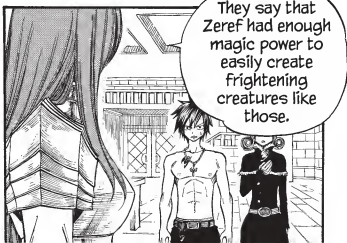
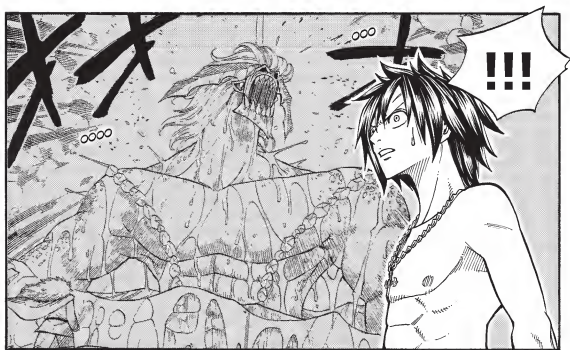
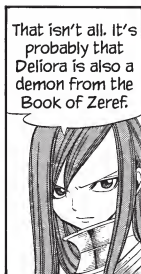


No...just talking to myself.

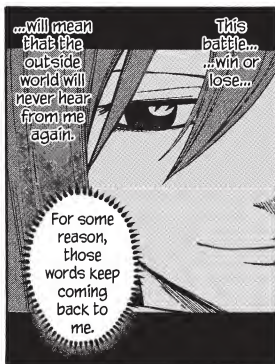
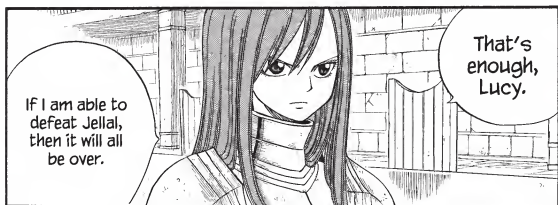
Did you say something, Jellal-sama?

Sir?









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